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OUTLINES.

The big battleship fleet at Old Point Comfort is ready to receive the President tomorrow and sail immediately afterwards——The crew from the Kansas defeated one from the Vermont at football; the grand ball planned to take place on the deck of the Admiral's flagship had to be "cut out" because of the bad weather ——In the U. S. Circuit Court at Dallas, Texas, Judge Neek refused to grant a temporary injunction to restrain the Wells, Fargo Express Co., from receiving liquor for points in Oklahoma——At Memphis, Tenn., several negroes were pulling off a mock lynching bee and by mistake their victim was nearly killed. All are arrested on a charge of involuntary manslaughter——The American seven-master schooner, Thomas W. Lawson, was wrecked during a fierce gale and a number of her crew were drowned, Capt. Dow was saved—— The six-day bicycle race at Madison Square Garden, New York, was won by Rutt and Stol and this is the first time a foreign team has ever captured first honors; Rutt and Stol are Germans——At Bristol, Va., Jere Bunting Police Justice and President of the City Council, will be tried on Monday on a charge of having accepted a pass from a railway company which is in violation of the new constitution of Virginia——The affairs of the Sheffield, Ala., Coal & Iron Co., are to be closed by a receiver——Lynchburg, Va., seems to be the storm center of the storm, there the telephone and telegraph wires are down and the street cars are at a standstill——The battleships at Old Point Comfort stood the storm splendidly——The lumber laden bark Edmund Phinney was caught in a gale off Sandy Hook and driven on the beach; after repeated efforts the crew was rescued——Off the Virginia capes the wind reached a velocity of fifty miles an hour and off Hatteras sixty——New York markets, money on call nominal, time money 12 and 90 days, 10 to 12 per cent; spot cotton closed steady, middling uplands 12.10, middling gulf 12.35, sales 722; Flour dull and about steady; corn meal steady; wheat firm, corn spot firm; oats spot steady; rosin quiet, strained common to good 3.20 to 3.25; turpentine quiet 48.

Don't shoot those fireworks yet, boys. If you do the Cops may get you.

Wilmington stands well in the list of Cotton ports. She's No. 4, thank you.

Taft needn't worry about his fences now. The crows are already in the corn.

There are two kinds of people. One wants Congress to do something; the other is afraid it will.

The sidewalk loafers ought to retire for a few days at least, and give the Christmas shoppers a chance.

Girls, it's about time to set your hats. Next year is only a short time away and it will be leap year.

Bishop Potter need not have gone all the way to Japan to get a cocktail. There are yet several wet places left in this country.

A Denver woman recently displaced her jaw bones by yawning. We suppose some fool man was trying to explain the financial situation to her.

But the railroads don't seem to be able to handle the general depression all the same. What would we do if really good times were in progress.

While Tillman is gathering his pile of rocks to throw at Cortelyou, he shouldn't forget that Cortelyou is the boy who has already got the rocks.

Don't try to tell your Christmas creditors that you will pay up as soon as Congress settles the financial situation. It won't work.

Everybody who goes to Washington to talk currency reform is invited to dinner. Isn't it about time for General Coxey to show up for a good square meal.

The New York Evening Sun says Rudyard Kippling is a "national bore" Anyhow in his boring he went deep enough to strike oil in the shape of that $40,000 Nobel prize.

That Stoessel court martial was certainly entered upon after due deliberation. It has been nearly three years since Port Arthur was surrendered.

When five young ladies, all in one boarding house, attempted suicide on the same day, there must have been something radically wrong with either the hash or the prunes.

An Exchange asks "What should be done with our rivers?" In the first place we should be very careful and saving of them, for the way things seem to be going we shall soon be forced to use them for drinking purposes.

STORM ON THE COAST

Southeaster Made it Rough For Shipping Outside Last Night And Yesterday.

ONE SCHOONER MAKES PORT

Forward House Slightly Damaged. Severe Off Frying Pan— Heavy Rains and Warning as to Freshet in River.

Reports from Southport yesterday were to the effect that the storm off this coast Friday night was one of the most severe experienced in several months. While there have been no marine disasters that have yet come to light, it is expected that within the next few days there will be many of them as the wind blew a gale of more than fifty miles an hour and the sea was very rough.

The only vessel to reach port since the storm is the schooner John M. Brown, 270 tons, Captain Stevens, from New York with cargo of coal for the Springer Coal Company. She arrived up last night in tow of the tug Sea King, Captain Edgar D. Williams, and Captain Stevens reported one of the worst storms he ever experienced off Frying Pan Lightship during the night. His forward house was damaged to some extent and his rigging suffered slightly but otherwise the vessel rode out the storm safely and reached port in good shape. The Brown was off Frying Pan all day yesterday but Captain Stevens saw no signs of wreckage. All the smaller craft in the harbor at Southport ran in for safety and so far as was ascertained yesterday, there was no damage on the lower Cape Fear. Several outward bound vessels at Southport awaiting the passing of the storm were able to go to sea yesterday.

The storm in Wilmington was quite pronounced during the night. Until 12 o'clock the wind was very high and rain that fell in sheets intermittently was driven under eaves of houses and through defective roofs. Many people were out doing repair work yesterday and in a few cases slight damage to household goods and stocks of merchandise were reported. Toward morning the wind subsided and a warm rain fell until nearly noon. The Weather Bureau reported a precipitation of 1.27 inches for the 24 hours ending at 8 o'clock last night. The rains are reported from the Raleigh bureau as having been quite general in the State and the following river warning was sent out yesterday by telegraph:

Raleigh, N. C., December 14.—Cape Fear river will rise to thirty feet at Fayetteville. THIESSEN.

The Weather Map issued yesterday states that the storm area over the South yesterday has recurved to the north and was central yesterday morning over the middle Mississippi valley attended by rains in the Southern section, and rain, sleet and snow in the interior and North. Heavy rains fell in all South Atlantic States. Last night the weather was clear and the temperature was falling considerably. The storm news from the country at large is told of in the press dispatches to the Star this morning.

At the Brigade Armory.

General Secretary Edward Kettle of the Y. M. C. A. will be the special speaker at the men's meeting at the Boy's Brigade armory this afternoon at 5 o'clock. Mr. Kettle will speak on a subject of interest to young men especially and all are invited to hear him. There will be special music for the afternoon.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

J. W. H. Fuchs—Satisfaction.
W. W. King, Jr.—Canary Birds.
A. D. Brown—Useful Holiday Gifts.
Platt & Haar—After Supper Sale.
Hamme, the Hatter—For Christmas
J. J. McKanna—Editorial Endorsement.
W. Munroe & Co.—Red Cross Mattresses.
Southern Distilling Co.—You Want the Best.
C. W. Yates & Co.—Do your Christmas Buying.
Mercantile Bargain House—Great, Greater, Greatest.
C. W. Polvogt Co.—Red Southern Trading Stamps.
Concord Chapter No. 1, R. A. M.—Regular Convocation.

Business Locals.

Lost—Twenty-Dollar Bill.
For Sale—Square Piano.
For Rent—Furnished Room.
For Rent—Furnished Rooms.
P. L. Cantwell—Rig For Sale.
Wanted—Side Line Travellers.
Wanted—Experienced Salesman.
Wanted—Position by Young Man.
Wood and Carl—New Wood Yard.
J. M. Solky & C.—Coal Stove for Sale.
Mrs. Knapp—Useful Christmas Gifts.
St. John's Parish Guild—Christmas Sale.
For Sale—Black Jack and Pine Wood.
To Let—Two Nicely Furnished Rooms.
Meares Harriss—Public Stenographer and Notary Public.

A HANDSOME DRUG STORE

One of Prettiest and Most Complete in the South to be Occupied by J. Hicks Bunting Drug Company February 1st.

The large four-story brick building at southwest corner of Front and Grace streets, purchased about a year and a half ago from I. M. Bear & Company and recently vacated by that firm, is being remodeled by the present owners, the J. Hicks Bunting Drug Company, who will establish at that prominent location one of the very handsomest drug stores in the South. The store will be occupied by the firm on the first of February.

The basement will be used for packing and shipping goods for the wholesale department and for the manufacture of ice cream and soda water and accessories and for the storage of heavy goods. The second and third floors will be used for manufacturing and for the wholesale departments. But it will be the first floor that will be "a thing of beauty and a joy forever." This will be used exclusively for offices for members of the firm, Mr. J. Hicks Bunting president and general manager, and Mr. Nash E. Bunting secretary and treasurer, and for the retail business of the firm strictly. This floor is about 30 feet wide in the clear with a depth of more than 90 feet. The present wood floor will be removed and cement and tiled floor substituted. The tiling will be white and octagonal in shape. The entire front of the store will be changed, the two middle sections being made into one large plate glass window in two sections and panelled. The doors on the north and south sides of the plate glass windows will be converted into vestibuled doors.

The company will spend more than $10,000 in the installation of the newest and most up-to-date fixtures. These will be of beautiful Honduras mahogany throughout with marble baseboard. The lower part of the cigar case will be entirely of marble. The fountain, one of the largest and finest in the South, will be of marble trimmed with onyx and will be scientifically correct in every particular, thoroughly sanitary, and of the most approved devices. This fountain will be 25 feet long and every convenience for catering to the most exclusive trade will be employed.

The store in its entirety will be one of the very finest in the South and one of the most complete in the country, a credit alike to the city and the enterprising firm which is back of the enterprise. Workmen have already begun the great improvements to the store and ere long the new store will be one of the show places in Wilmington.

METHODIST PULPITS TODAY.

Farewell Services at Grace and Bladen Street M. E. Churches.

The services today at Grace and Bladen Street Methodist Episcopal churches will be of special interest to those congregations because of the fact that the pastors who have been serving them and serving them most acceptably during the past years will be heard for the last time during the present conference year. As previously noted, Rev. N. M. Watson, pastor of Grace, has been transferred to Haw River, near the scenes of his earlier manhood, and Rev. A. J. Parker, pastor of Bladen Street Church, goes to Dunn, N. C.

The sermon at 11 o'clock this morning at Grace will be by Rev. Mr. Watson, and many of his dear friends in this city, irrespective of denomination, will take this occasion of hearing his last discourse to his congregation. At night Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, presiding elder of the Wilmington district, will preach. Rev. T. A. Smoot, of Durham, who will be most cordially welcomed to Wilmington because of the family ties which he has here and because of his fine ability as a minister of the gospel, will reach the city to succeed Mr. Watson as pastor of Grace before the holidays.

At Bladen Street Church this morning at 11 o'clock the services will be by Rev. W. L. Cuninggim, the presiding elder, and at night Rev. Mr. Parker will speak a farewell word to a congregation whom he has served so well. He will be heard by a large congregation, for he is a man of popularity and fine attainments as a pastor and as a speaker. Rev. Mr. Parker will leave the last of the week for his new charge at Dunn and many friends here hope that his lines will be cast in pleasant places. Rev. W. E. Hocutt, who comes from Belhaven to succeed Mr. Parker, will reach the city Thursday with his family consisting of wife and three children.

Golf Handicap Yesterday.

A very interesting match was held at the Cape Fear Golf links yesterday afternoon, and a number of contestants were entered for the handicap, which was for both the ladies and gentlemen of the Club. Mr. A. S. Williams was the winner of the handicap, and was presented a handsome brass cup, which had been offered as a prize to the member making the best score.

A very fine selection of high-grade jewelry for the holiday trade to be sold at a reasonable price at Munds' drug store, Masonic Temple. You will do well to see it. 3t

OFFICIALS CONFER

Seaboard Officers With Governor and Corporation Commissioners at Raleigh.

THE TEMPERANCE CAMPAIGN

Evangelist Ham Makes Plea For Active Service of Women and Children at Polls—Supreme Court Decisions—Other Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 14.—High officials of the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, including President W. A. Garrett, General Counsel L. R. Watts, Vice President Sevier, General Superintendent C. H. Hix and General Passenger Agent C. B. Ryan, spent several hours in Raleigh this morning on a general inspection trip over the system and were callers at the executive office of Governor Glenn and at the offices of the Corporation Commission. Both they and the State officials insisted that there was no business significance attached to the conference in the State offices. The Seaboard is the only road that has as yet joined with the Southern in signifying willingness to accept the proposi from Governor Glenn to compromise the railroad rate litigation by putting into effect the 2 1-2 cent flat inter-and intra-State rate in the place of the present 2 1-4 cent rate and sell interchangeable mileage books at 2 cents. Nothing has been heard from the Atlantic Coast Line that would indicate a possibility of that company coming into the agreement so that the Governor can summons the Legislature in special session.

Attorneys were here today and argued at length before Governor Glenn the question of reinstating a sentence against C. M. Copening, a pardon for whom the Governor granted some months ago conditioned on good behavior. The sentence was eighteen months in the penitentiary to be enforced against him unless he left and staid out of McDowell county, the crime of which he was convicted being an assault with a deadly weapon on his brother-in-law, John Yancey. The fight was in the public road in McDowell, and Corpening had one eye shot out. The sentence amounted to banishment from the county. The pardon by the Governor was conditioned on his not renewing his hostilities toward his brother-in-law, if he returned to the county. Now comes the charge that he has repeatedly made demonstrations in front of the Yancey home and made threats of violence. A. C. Avery, Jr., and D. E. Hutchings appeared before the Governor in the interest of Corpening and J. W. Pless for Yancey, who is pressing the necessity for the Governor to cancel the pardon. No decision was announced.

Two charters are granted for corporations in Tarboro, The Robeson Supply Co., capital $50,000 by Geo. Howard and others, and The Howard Hardware Co., capital $50,000 by the same incorporators.

In the hall of history connected with the State museum, Col. F. A. Olds, director in charge, has just placed three notable oil paintings of three signers of the Declaration of Independence—William Hooper, John Penn and Joseph Hughes. The paintings are by Mr. Spencer Baird Nichols, of Washington, D. C., and are from the North Carolina exhibit at the Jamestown Exposition. On the opposite wall are excellent likenesses of the three United States presidents of North Carolina birth—Andrew Jackson, Jas. K. Polk and Andrew Johnson. These are the gift of United States Senator Overman. At one end of the hall Col. Olds has also arranged a collection of eighteen excellent copies of paintings of North Carolina Indians by John White, as he saw the Indians and their modes of living in 1585. These are loaned by Col. Benehan Cameron of Raleigh.

Governor Glenn left this afternoon for Roanoke Rapids where he goes by special and urgent invitation to deliver an address there tomorrow in connection with the campaign that is on there for prohibition. The contest is said to be very close and the presence and speechmaking of the Governor are needed to strengthen the temperance forces for the final conflict.

Rev. Mordecai Ham, the temperance evangelist, has arrived and will enter at once upon the work in the campaign leading up to the election on prohibition or dispensary December 26th. He says he finds Raleigh really better organized for the contest than any city he has aided in North Carolina and every indication of overwhelming victory. He fears danger from over confidence rather than through any other condition. All next week there are to be meetings in the afternoons for ladies and children and at night in various parts of the city for the people generally. A big meeting for men will be held in the Academy of Music Sunday afternoon. He is very much opposed to the conclusion reached by the temperance organization of the ladies of Raleigh that they will do no work for prohibition at the polls and declares his purpose to make a determined effort to induce the women and the children to take a hand in the contest at the polls. He had rather have one woman at the polls working for votes, he says than five men and that if he is to stay in the fight in Raleigh the ladies must fall in line for that character of work which he says has been followed throughout the South wherever the prohibition forces have been successful. When the ladies league was formed a week ago a resolution was adopted that they would not have a "button-hole" campaign with work at the polls by the ladies but that their effort should be quiet and lady-like in the family circles.

The Supreme Court delivered opinions this afternoon in seventeen appeals and will conclude the work of the term for adjournment not later than Wednesday. Eastern Carolina cases decided are: State vs. W. G. Lewis, Columbus, affirmed; Improvement Company vs. Commissioners, of Robeson, affirmed as to plaintiff, reversed as to defendant; State vs. Pitt Mecklenburg, per curiam, affirmed; In the case of Wharton vs. Greensboro, the finding of error by the Supreme Court has the effect of declaring invalid the bonds proposed to be issued by Greensboro for improving the waterworks. In Improvement Company vs. Robeson county, the court holds the bond issue of that county for the new court house are valid.

Gaylord's Big Department Store will be open every night this week until 10 o'clock. **

CONFERENCE AT Y. M. C. A.

State Secretary Discusses Plans For Winter's Work With Local Committees—"Get-One Club" Organized—Basket Ball

The committees of the local Young Men's Christian Association, recently appointed, last night had a most interesting and profitable conference with State Secretary G. C. Huntington in the parlors of the Association building on North Front street. The attendance was good, a large majority of each committee having been present, and plans for the Winter's work were discussed with much enthusiasm and finally agreed upon with a number of valuable suggestions both from the State Secretary and General Secretary Kettle, who has taken right hold of the work and is infusing new life into the organization at Wilmington.

Brief addresses were made by Mr. Huntington, Mr. Kettle, Mr. W. B. Cooper, Mr. B. G. Worth and others after which each committee submitted its plans and they were adopted with any amendments that were proper. One of the important decisions reached at the meeting was the formation by the Membership Committee of which Mr. W. W. Koch is chairman, of a "Get-One Club." The following officers of this club were elected: President, Dr. J. W. Stanley, Vice President, H. E. Bonitz; Secretary and Treasurer, H. G. Foard. The officers will meet early this week and a strong pull for new members will be made for some standard to be set for the first of January. Any member who will promise to get at least one other to join the Association within the specified time, is eligible to membership in the club.

At the Association last night there was an interesting exhibition game of basket ball between teams captained by Simms and Houston, the first named having won by a score of 14 to 12. There were a number of spectators and the game was watched with much pleasure.

This afternoon for the men's meeting at 5 o'clock the Association is fortunate in having as the speaker State Secretary Huntington, a gentleman well versed in the work among young men and a most pleasing speaker. There will be special music and all men are invited.

DIED OF HIS INJURIES.

George Washington Moore, Negro Hurt at Town Creek, is Dead.

George Washington Moore, the colored man, 44 years of age, brought over on the steamer Whitlock from Town Creek, Brunswick county, where he was injured by a falling tree Thursday morning, died at an early hour yesterday as the result of a fractured skull received in the accident. He was unconscious from the first and no hopes of his recovery were entertained from the moment he was gotten to the James Walker Memorial Hospital in this city. The remains were prepared for burial by John H. Shaw, the colored undertaker, and sent to Leland, N. C., for interment yesterday afternoon.

MR. G. W. GURGANIOUS DEAD

Esteemed Citizen of Pender County Passed Away Yesterday.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Ivanhoe, N. C., Dec. 14.—A few minutes to 11 o'clock today in the western part of Pender county Mr. G. W. Gurganious died suddenly of heart trouble on his way to the funeral of Mr. K. Gurganious. Mr. Gurganious' death was a shock to this community for in his jolly way he typified perfect health. He had always lived in Pender county and was a useful and highly respected citizen. He was a consistent member of Harmony Baptist Church. He leaves a wife and twelve children, who have the sympathy of all in their sorrow.

MORE WATERWORKS

Negotiations Now Pending With Careful Avoidance of Ownership of Plant.

MATTER OF THE BOILERS

Correspondence Between Local Board of Fire Underwriters and the Mayor in Regard to Inspection Which Seems Satisfactory.

From present indications there will be nothing doing in the waterworks situation until after the holidays, but it is quite interesting to see that both sides to the present controversy between the city and the company are watching their corks closely and the developments about the first of January are expected to be conclusive in some shape or another.

It is stated now that the Clarendon Company is willing to make a counter-proposition to the city for a sale of the plant but that it does not care to tender this proposition unless it has some assurance from the municipal authorities that it will be accepted. It is known that negotiations are now being made privately between representatives of the waterworks company and certain of the city officials looking to an agreement one way or another by the first of the year, though both sides are steering very clear of any claim to ownership in the plant. When the communication was recently received from the Board of Underwriters in regard to the condition of certain of the boilers at the plant, it was stated that there was a likelihood of the water service of the city being impaired, in which case some immediate action would have to be taken, but it seems that this danger has been avoided in a manner most satisfactory to both sides concerned, though both are still fighting shy of the question of ownership. On Wednesday the Mayor received a letter from Mr. S. M. Boatwright, secretary of the Local Board of Fire Underwriters, enclosing a copy of an inspection of the boilers in the plant by the Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Company. This report upon the condition of the boilers at the plant was in detail and concluded with the statement that the general condition of No. 1 boiler, the old one, is good and that the setting is in good repair. Nos. 2 and 3, the new boilers, were found to contain no leakage or distress of any kind, safety valves being free and other attachments in good working order.

The Mayor merely replied to the communication of the Local Board in the following language:

"Mr. S. M. Boatwright, Secretary, Local Board of Underwriters, Wilmington, N. C.

"Dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favor of the 11th. Your attention is called to my communication of the 3rd of this month in which it was stated that the City was not the owner of nor in possession of any water works plant. Your present letter therefore can only be accepted as conveying information, which may or may not be of interest to the City, but in no wise does the City admit any responsibility for the condition of the water works plant or any part thereof.

"Yours truly,

"WM. E. SPRINGER, Mayor."

This correspondence sets at rest any apprehension on the part of the public that the service may be impaired for any want of attention on account of the doubtful ownership of the property and the public now merely awaits the conclusion of the negotiations for the plant or the entering into a new contract with the company under an iron-clad agreement as to service, etc.

License Committee to Meet.

The special committee from the Board of Aldermen to pass upon applications for renewals of liquor licenses for the six months ensuing January 1st will meet at the office of the Mayor at the City Hall Tuesday night and all applicants are requested to have their application ready by that time. A meeting of the full Board will be held soon after Christmas to grant the renewals. The committee is composed of Aldermen O'Brien, Northrop and French.

Entertainment at Burgaw.

The teachers of the Burgaw High School on Friday evening at Burgaw presented as a benefit for the handsome new school building that is now going up there the little comedy "The Fruit of His Folly." There was a large attendance and those who witnessed the production pronounced it first class in every respect. A string band from Wilmington furnished the music and all who attended were charmed with the entertainment. A neat sum of money was realized from the benefit.

Coming next week. Celebrated Irish Comedians, Crawford and Delancy. Crystal Palace. 4t

For all kinds of holiday goods, dolls, toys and fancy China go to Rehders. **

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THE ADVERTISING PARSON.

A prosy parson once complained to the Rev. Sam P. Jones that his congregations were exceedingly slim and asked advice as to how he could best increase the attendance.

"At your next service" counseled Mr. Jones, "take one of your deacons in your arms and throw him bodily out of the window."

This was the Rev. Sam's way of saying that it pays to advertise. There are preachers as well as actors, who appreciate that the way to draw a crowd is to make a sensation.

The Rev. R. J. Campbell, pastor of the City Temple Church in London, is a preacher of that school. In a recent sermon he shocked his hearers by asking them if they believed in a literal sense, the Bible story of Christ feeding the multitude. He said:

"The feeding of the multitude was not a feeding of the body, but a feeding of the soul, with the spiritual bread of life. It is a beautiful symbol, but the beauty of it is destroyed and the teaching is ruined when you seek to reduce it to a mere physical or boarding house plane."

Let's see. This miracle is circumstantially related by all four of the Gospel writers, and they make it as plain as language can convey that the bodily hunger of the multitude was relieved by giving them substantial food. Three of them say in express terms and the other indifferently, that the Master gave them both bread and fish; that the people ate to their satisfaction; and all agree that they gathered up of the fragments "twelve baskets full."

The London preacher will help along his advertising boom if he will explain how the fragments of spiritual bread and spiritual fish could have been "gathered up and put into baskets."

NOT A ONE MAN PARTY.

The Democratic party is by no means poor in Presidential timber, although some of Mr. Bryan's most enthusiastic admirers would not object to that impression going abroad.

It never was, and will never need be a "one man's party."

There are many men of national repute and beloved by their home people, where they are best known, who are able to challenge the Nebraskan's little right to the nomination. There are others in mind at the present time but prominently so appear the names of Judge Gray and Governor Johnson.

The Democratic State committee of Delaware has already adopted a resolution indorsing Judge Gray, of the United States Circuit Court, for the nomination. He has been a United States Senator, was a member of the Paris Peace Commission, a member of the commission that settled the biggest coal strike the country ever knew, a member of The Hague International Court of Arbitration and has been on the bench of the United States Circuit Court since 1899. Surely Delaware Democrats need not apologize to anybody for recognizing the Presidential qualifications of such a man.

Minnesota Democrats are not the only ones that are firm in their conviction that Governor Johnson is conspicuously fitted for the Presidency. A correspondent of the Baltimore News, who heard Gov. Johnson's speech at the Gridiron Club dinner, thus describes him:

"Here is a Democrat without demagogy. A leader whose head is not in the clouds. A sober thinker, with the saving grace of humor. A right-doer, whose temperament is perfectly normal. A man of action without strenuousity, a young man of seasoned judgment. A man of the people, who looks well in evening clothes. The possessor of that greatest gift of the gods, sense—which means judgment and taste—but all the while a virile son of the West, with every red corpuscle intact."

In spite of Mr. Bryan's intensely ardent supporters, the friends of these two eminent statesmen may be expected to be heard from when the nominating convention convenes on July 7th.

OUR ARMY TAILOR.

The Washington Herald recently printed an impassioned protest from one of its readers against the action of the War Department in engaging an English expert of the shears and goose to design uniforms for the Army and Navy.

Many of our readers will agree with Prof. Bono Publico, for that is what he signed his article, of course.

Yet might there not be some occasion for pride in the fact that the Secretary of War thought it necessary to import a master tailor? We are not, and never have been a military nation; that is the fact. We merely fight when we feel it necessary and in any old clothes that seem handy. Our Civil War uniforms were positively shocking, on both sides.

To go further back, the tattered tailoring of Washington's soldiers must have evoked the sneers of the resplendent British and Hessian troops, who presently felt it expedient to leave the country, and this sadly shorn of their sartorial splendor.

Now England is different. Over there they most always have a little war on hand, exterminating some native tribe or thoughtfully taking its land "to make a better use of it" and the war tailors never have a chance to get out of practice with gold lace and bear skins. Even the common soldiers know tailoring, its defects and what it should be.

Did not Kipling's "Recruits" instruct "Snipes?"—

"I carried my slops to the tailor; I
sez to 'im 'Non of your lip!
You tight 'em over the shoulders, and
loose 'em over the 'ip,
For the set o' the tunic's 'orrid."

Yes, as to military uniforms we might as well own ourselves a sober second to the glories of the old 'Orse Guards.

But the London tailors go too far when they presume to claim superiority also in the garb of civil life. London clothes may be cheaper—the tariff and London sweat shops explain that—but better than our country's best? Never! On that proposition regiments of patriotic tailors stand ready to draw their keen shears and fight.

CHRISTMAS OR XMAS.

The Columbus Ledger has raised a protest against the use of the word Xmas, and we heartily join in the protest. The use of the word is sacrilegeous.—Opelika Post.

While we deprecate any practice likely to offend the sentiment of others, we are not ready to go so far as to say that the substitution of the letter X for Christ is sacrilegeous. The fact is that the use of "X" is of very ancient date. The early Christians adopted the "X," which is the Greek for "Ch," as the symbol for Christ, and used the "X" and the succeeding Greek letter "P," or "RHO" (meaning in our alphabet R) as a monogram.

This is repeated again and again in inscriptions upon altars and in the decoration of glass in the windows of very many churches. This may be seen almost in any prosperous church, particular Catholic and Episcopalean, in any large city.

BREAKING A HABIT.

As the season for "turning over" that new leaf is approaching we are reminded of a good story.

It is about an English clergyman who offered a prize to the boy in his Sunday School who would write the best composition in five minutes, on the subject, "How to overcome a habit."

At the expiration of the five minutes the compositions were read. The prize went to a lad of nine years. His essay was as follows:

"Well, sir, habit is hard to overcome If you take off the first letter, it does not change 'a bit.' If you take off another, you still have a 'bit' left. If you take off still another, the whole of 'it' remains. If you take off another, it is wholly used up; all of which goes to show that if you want to get rid of habit you must throw it off altogether."

CURRENT COMMENT.

—But, with Congress in session, isn't Washington "dry" enough without further legislation on that line?—Atlanta Constitution.

—That closed Sunday law in New York doesn't please Bishop Potter; but the good bishop is out of the saloon business now.—Atlanta Constitution.

—The Norfolk Landmark thinks Roosevelt will be king before Bryan will be President. And both, no doubt, when chickens have teeth.—Savannah Press. (Dem.)

—However, when Senator Davis learns some sense, he will probably be a useful man. He is on the right side but in the wrong way.—Greensboro Telegram.

—Andrew Carengie has given money to promote the game of baseball. Therefore he must cough up some more dough for medals for more heroes—the umpires for instance.—Raleigh News and Observer.

—The brutality of six days' bicycle contests is a theme of editorial need for agitation, since the brutality is not likely to spread so long as the public takes as little interest in such contests as it is taking today.—Fall River Herald.

—The difference between a small politician and a big one is illustrated in the sneer with which Senator Tillman suggests that the President reiterates his anti-third-term pledge because he is afraid of defeat, whereas, John Sharp Williams says that he believed the President all the time.—Norfolk Landmark.

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SORROW

must be deep in the mother's heart when she tries to console herself by saying "If I had not forgotten to get a bottle of GOWAN'S PNEUMONIA CURE, little Baby would now be with me." Forget—why forget when there is no excuse. External and all druggists.

TWINKLINGS.

—"Let's see; it was a runaway match, wasn't it?' "Yes, but he couldn't run fast enough. She caught him."—Cleveland Leader.

—Her Father (reluctantly)—Well, I reckon you may marry my daughter. (Suddenly) Do you drink? Her Suitor (absently)—Thanks; I'll take a rye highball.—Utica Observer.

—Sincere Sympathy—"I'm so sorry," said Mrs. Parvenue, bidding goodnight to her guests, after the reception "that the storm kept all our best people away."—The Tattler.

—"I don't like to act as a juryman, Judge." "Conscientious, eh?" "That's it. I wouldn't like to do nobody a wrong." "You can't go amiss in this case. One lawyer is suing another lawyer."—San Francisco Bulletin.

—"Why does the farm boy beat the city boy so often?" "That's easy." "Let's have the answer." "The little red schoolhouse offers a better curriculum than does the little red theater comique."—Washington Herald.

—Singleton—I want to ask you a question old man. Wedderly—Come on with it. Singleton—Does a woman always mean what she says? Wedderly—During courtship she doesn't, but after marriage you bet she does.—Chicago News.

—The Obliging Innkeeper—Tourist—'Hay, one mark.' What does that mean? I had no hay. Innkeeper—You said the noise from the stable made you nervous, so I had to give the cow hay to keep her quiet.—Fliegende Blaetter.

—His Vacation—"I am very much puzzled; my wife has hitherto written every day, but today—no letter!" "You must be anxious about her. She may be ill." "No; but I'm afraid that as no letter comes she may come herself."—Meggendorfer Blaetter.

—"Ah!" exclaimed the new boarder, as he put down his empty cup, "that's Mrs. Sarvem, patronizingly. "Then Mrs. Sarvem, aptronizingly. "Then you haven't been accustomed to begin your dinner with consomme served in a cup, eh?" "Consomme? Why, I thought it was hot water to prevent dyspepsia."—Philadelphia Press.

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If you suffer from bleeding, itching, blind or protruding Piles, send me your address and I will tell you how to cure yourself at home by the new absorption treatment; and will also send some of this home treatment free for trial, with references from your own locality if requested. Immediate relief and permanent cure assured. Send no money, but tell others of this offer. Write today to Mrs. M. Summers, Box F, Notre Dame, Ind.

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Illustrated Books,
All the Late Novels,
Fancy Box Paper,
Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pens,
All kinds of novelties,
Huyler's fine Candies.

ROBERT C. De ROSSET
Book Seller and Stationer

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SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

Statement of condition December 3rd, 1907. Condensed from Report to United States Government.

Resources:		
Loans and Discounts		$871,732 20
Overdrafts		1,464 51
U. S. Bonds and Premiums		259,296 88
Furniture and Fixtures		6,530 49
Cash:		
Due from Banks	$453,418 16	
In our Vault	95,667 74	549,085 90
		$1,688,109 98
Liabilities:		
Capital		$200,000 00
Surplus		100,000 00
*Undivided Profits, Net		25,644 46
Circulation		200,000 00
Bills Payable and Re-discounts		105,000 00
Deposits:		
Banks	$690,446 16	
Individuals	317,019 36	
U. S. Government	50,0000 00	1,057,465 52
		$1,688,109 98

*After Dividends of $12,000.00 paid.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

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Wilmington, N. C.

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We are showing the most complete line of Xmas goods in the city.

Diamonds, Watches, Broaches, Chains, Lockets, Bracelets, Pins, Fountain Pens, Fobs, Rings, Shaving Sets, Manicure Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, Silver Services, Silver Novelties, Brass Goods, Fancy China, Vases, Fine Dinner Sets, Etc.

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119 Market.
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Our bicycle boys know this, too, and they take pride in giving you a good quick service.

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We are amply prepared in every way to do your prescription work too—our equipment is perfect—our prescriptionists are old experienced hands.

Our prices are consistent.

JAMES M. HALL, Druggist
Fifth and Castle. 'Phone 192.
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STATEMENT

Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.		
Loans and Discounts		$1,767,886 59
N. C. State Bonds		55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)		450,000 00
Bank Building		25,000 00
Cash		891,114 25
		$3,189,000,84
LIABILITIES.		
Capital		$ 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits		227,211 61
Circulation		425,000 00
Deposits		1,936,789 23
U. S. Bond Account		100,000 00
		$3,189,000,84

DEPOSITS:

December 3rd, 1903, $1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, $1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, $1,936,789 23

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Seasonable Goods

Cocoanuts, Mixed Nuts, Raisins. Apples, Etc. Bagging and Ties.

A Full Line of Heavy Groceries.

Hall & Pearsall, INC.
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The money spent for trinkets by the average family at Christmas time would buy an Edison Phonograph. The trinkets last about as long as Christmas does. The Edison Phonograph affords enjoyment day after day and year after year. The trinkets please only the individual recipients. The Edison Phonograph offers a continuous round of pleasure for the whole family.

It is the greatest music-maker of the age. It brings into the home circle all of the world's music, rendering with wonderful faithfulness whatever song, instrumental piece, or orchestral selection is desired.

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Happenings and Doings In Society.

BY M. H.

Miss Elliotte Emerson spent a few days in Richmond, during the past week, where she was the guest of friends.

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Much to the regret of her many friends Miss Alice Wright left on Wednesday last to visit friends in Asheville, N. C.

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Mr. Alex Sprunt, who is a student at Davidson College, returned to his home on Saturday night, to spend the Christmas holidays.

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After a very pleasant visit to friends in Raleigh, Miss Julia Worth has returned to her home much to the delight of her many friends in this city.

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Mrs. Thomas M. Emerson has returned from a short visit to Portsmouth, Va., where she has been the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. P. Boatwright.

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Mrs. Jno. Paul Lucas, of Winston-Salem, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Charles-Craft, and is being cordially welcomed by her many friends.

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Mr. Hugh Mercer, of Fayetteville, has been a visitor to the city during the past week. His many friends here always extend to him a hearty welcome.

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The many friends of Mr. Ed Holmes were glad to see him in the city during the past week, where he spent a few days on a visit to his parents. Mr. Holmes is now living in Florence, S. C.

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After a short visit of a few days to Mrs. Flagler's mother, Mrs. William Kenan, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Flagler left on Monday last for their home in Florida, where they will spend the rest of the Winter.

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Friends of Mrs. Gaston Meares will be interested to learn that she left on Thursday last for Florence, S. C., where she has gone to spend the Christmas holidays with her son, Mr. Lewis H. Meares.

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The many friends of Miss Kate Horner, of Oxford, are pleased to learn that she is expected to arrive in a few days to spend some time in this city, where she will be the guest of her aunt, Miss Fannie R. Williams, on South Fifth street.

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The many friends f Miss Mary Harriss will regret to know that she left on Thursday to visit her nieces, the Misses Norment, in Lumberton, N. C. Miss Harriss wil be away for several months, and will be greatly missed by her numerous friends.

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Mr. and Mrs. Preston B. Wilkes, of Norfolk, Va., were in the city for a couple of days during the past week, on a visit to their son, Mr. Preston B. Wilkes, Jr., who for some time past has made his home in Wilmington, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Kingsbury, on South Fifth street.

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One of the entertainments of the week, was the chafing dish party given by Miss Helen Strange, on Tuesday evening at the home of her parents on Orange street. It was a small gathering of a few congenial friends and though it was a very informal affair, all who were present declared it to be a great success.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lehr, of Baltimore, New York and Newport, have purchased property at the corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Dakota Street, in a fashionable and expensive part of Washington, D. C., The announcement that they are soon to be Winter residents of the National capital has aroused no little interest.

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On Monday, December 23rd, at 6:15 P. M., at the residence of the bride's mother, on South Eighth street, Miss Charlotte Duffy wil be married to Mr. Frank Backstrom Culp. The wedding will be a very quiet affair, only the relatives and a few intimate friends being present. Both the young people have a large number of friends, who wish them all happiness in their future life.

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On Monday afternoon Miss Florence Kidder entertained a number of her friends at a "Tea" given complimentary to Miss Gertrude Sullivan, who is a popular visitor in the city. It was greatly enjoyed by those who were present. Miss Kidder's guests were Misses Gertrude Sullivan, Helen Strange, Alice LeGrand, Marguerite Walker, Virginia Bailey, Amoret Lord, May Ella Moore, Atha Hicks, Theo. Cantwell, Agnes McQueen, Jennie Murchison, Fannie Murchison and Annie Hill Holmes.

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One of the prettiest weddings that has ever taken place in St. James P. E. Church, the scene of so many pretty weddings, was that of Miss Margaret Ashe and Mr. Albert Stockard, on Tuesday last. Miss Ashe is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel T. Ashe, and is one of Wilmington's most popular young ladies. Mr. Stockard, who for the last few years has made his home in this city, has made a host of friends, who extend to him their heartiest congratulations. Mr. and Mrs. Stockard have gone to Cuba, where they will spend a few weeks, and after returning to Wilmington, will be at home to their friends at the residence of Mrs. Dickson Munds, on Fourth and Ann streets.

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The following invitation has been received here, where the prospective bride and groom have many friends:

Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Herring
invite you to be present at the marriage of their daughter
Luphelia
to
Mr. George Milton Floyd
on the evening of
Thursday, twenty-sixth of December,
nineteen hundred and seven
at four o'clock
Garland, North Carolina.
At Home after
January first, nineteen hundred and eight,
Orrum, North Carolina.

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Mis Alice Wright was the hostess of a very delightful party on Monday evening, given complimentary to the Ashe-Stockard bridal party. The guests were greatly entertained by playing the "Guessing Game" at which Miss Stockard won the first prize, which she gracefully presented to the guest-of-honor, Miss Margaret Ashe. Mr. Markley Croswell won the gentlemen's prize which was also presented to Mr. Albert Stockard, the groom-elect. After the game was over, a "Jack Horner Pie" was brought in, from which every guest drew a souvenir of the happy occasion. Those who were present were: Misses Nellie Durham, Mary Lucas Cantwell, Mary Cain, of Raleigh, and Mr. Robbin and Mr. Howze, and the bridal party consisting of Mr. Briggs, of Raleigh, N. C., Mr. Lewis Smith, of Raleigh, and Messrs. George Ashe, John Calvert, John Sprunt and Markley Croswell.

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Invitations that will be read with interest throughout the State have been issued to friends, these reading:

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Simpson Nash
invite you to be present at the
marriage of their daughter
Annie Gray
to
Mr. Allen Jones Ruffin
on the evening of Wednesday
the first of January
nineteen hundred and eight
at half after seven o'clock
Calvary Church
Tarborough, North Carolina.

Miss Nash is a popular and cultured young woman, with many friends throughout the State and is one of the most charming of Tarboro's fair daughters. Mr. Ruffin is widely known in the financial and commercial world, and makes his home at Hillsboro, where he is the head of several cotton mills besides being president of one of the banking institutions in Raleigh.

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The delightful "Tea" which was giv-

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After Supper Sale

NOTICE.

Our store will be kept open evenings 'till Christmas.

PLATT & HAAR.

As a Special Inducement To Evening Shoppers

We are going to conduct an After Supper Sale, when we will offer a new lot of Bargains for each night. We cannot mention them here. Call at The Little Store and see for yourselves.

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to arrange for After Supper Sale, which starts at 8 P. M. each evening.

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The First Week You Thought Great!

Last Week You Thought Greater and That the Limit was Reached!!

This Week Shall Be the Greatest!!!

And you will be astounded at what we will accomplish. The fact that every promise will be made good from day to day and every day during this Money Raising Sale conducted by H. L. Gilmore & Co., of New York is enough to attract the economy loving people.

If you fail to attend this bonafide Money Raising Sale you will be doing yourself an injustice. Put it as strong as we could in type, it would be impossible to make you appreciate the EXTRAORDINARY PRICE CONCESSIONS we are making, therefore we urge you to

Read and Wonder, Then Come and See

A Few Suggestions For Useful Xmas Gifts:

Men's Suits. $3.98 and up	Raincoats absolutely water-prf $7.48 and $8.48	Men's Pants 69c to $2.48 all kinds	Men's Handkerch'fs 3c, 4c, 5c, 7c	Men's Ties 4c, 6c, 12c, and 19c	Men's Hose 2c, 4c, 6c, 8c and 12c	Men's Underwear heavy fleece lined 35 cents	Men's Shoes all leathers $1.19, $1.57, $2.48	Men's Suspenders 7c, 9c, 11c, 16c 19c
Ladies' Skirts 98c, $1.69 $1.98 $2.48	SPECIAL 100 Ladies' Jackets while they last 98c.	Ladies Handk'cha'fs 1c, 2c, 4c, 7c, 9c	Ladies Black Sateen Waists $1.00 values at 49c.	Ladies Hose 4c, 6c, 8c, 11c, 16c, and 18c.	Ladies Shoes. 98c, $1.39, and $1.59	Ladies' Knitted Skirts 37c, 72c, and $1.05	Misses Coats 98c, $1.29, $1.69, $1.98, $2.48, $2.69	Children's Coats 79c, 98c, and $1.19
FASCINATORS SHAWLS	HOODS CAPES	BLANKETS 59c, 77c, and 98c	COMFORTS 59c, 79c, and $1.19	BOOTIES	MEN'S SHIRTS 24c, 39c, and 79c	UMBRELLAS 39c, 59c, and 79c	SWEATERS 39c and 77c	MUFFLERS 18c, 37c and 48c

Everything in the line of wearing apparel for man, woman and child can be found at this store.

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Music During Sale. **Watch for Yellow Signs.**

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AN EDITORIAL

From the November 1907 Issue of "The Tri-State Odd Fellow" Published at Columbia, S. C.

SEEING IS BELIEVING

We plead guilty to taking the many statements we see in print of remarkable cures of the liquor habit ("disease" is a better word for it) by specialists with a big degree of allowance—so big, indeed, to be very plan, we have never believed them. And this held good as to Dr. McKanna and his "3-day liquor cure." But our views have undergone a wonderful change recently, for seeing is believing.

What did we see? the reader may like to ask.

We saw a young man—in the very prime of life, educated, refined, well equipped to fight the battle of life, standing high in church, fraternal, social and commercial circles; the pride, prop, hope, mainstay and support of an aged and infirm mother and she a widow; the idolized of an only sister, the model man to his brothers.

But in an evil hour this man of promise was tempted and fell. And great was the fall. Step by step in rapidy succession he descended the downward road until the bitter dregs at the bottom were reached. Even family and friends were almost without hope, and many there were who said there was no use to strive further with him—that he was past hope, beyond redemption.

As a last and final effort to save this young man for time and eternity, and with many doubts and misgivings as to the efficacy of the "3-day cure," he was induced to place himself in the hands of Dr. McKanna for treatment.

And the results of that treatment is what changed our views with regard to such things. The liquor habit can be cured. It has been cured, and that right here in Columbia. Should any doubting Thomas desire the proof we will furnish it in the person of this young man, who, now disenthralled from the slavery of appetite for strong drink, clothed and in his right mind, is again a solace to his dear old mother a joy to that loving sister and his brothers, and the pride of his friends. And to Dr. McKanna and his wonderful treatment, under the blessing of Almighty God, we attribute this marvelous transformation, and hence we repeat—"Seeing is Believing."

Lest any should think this a paid for "reading notice," or advertisement, we assert that this article is written without the knowledge of Dr. McKanna or any one connected with him, and is published without reward or hope of reward, save that reward which comes from a conciousness of duty to fellow-man willingly performed.

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Take Whiskey, for Instance.

We make but one charge—just for whiskey—that's all When you pay more than we ask for our whiskey you are being taxed for something else besides the whiskey.

Now "WHAT'S THE USE" of you paying an excess to anybody for imaginary superiority—when we have the same goods, but are content through immense volumes of sales, to break even on profits—instead of "hikeing up" the price beyond the point of giving you value received.

"CHESTERFIELD" products are "AS GOOD AS THE BEST FOR LESS." That's the reason "CHESTERFIELD" Whiskies are popular.

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A nice set of Furs for Ladies and Children. Ruching in fancy boxes.

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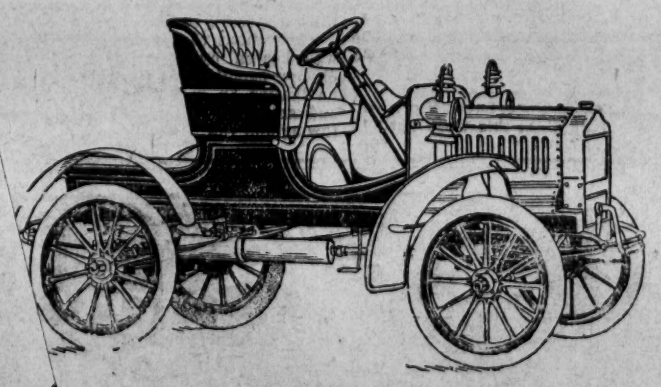

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Society.

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en by Mrs E. C. Holt, on Tuesday last proved to be one of the chief social events of the season. Mrs. Holt was entertaining complimentary to her guest, Miss Helen DuPre, of Spartanburg, S. C., who has many friends in Wilmington. Those who assisted Mrs. Holt and Miss DuPre in receiving their guests were Mrs. George Rountree, Miss Theo Cantwell and Miss Marguerite Holladay, while Mrs. Charles Grainger, Misses Sarah Kenan, May Ella Rankin and Nannie Holladay assisted at the punch bowl, and Mrs. Duncan Williams and Miss Martha Williams assisted in the dining room. The house was beautifully decorated with bamboo, ferns and cut flowers, pink being the predominating color.

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Miss Columbia Munds has arrived from the North to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Munds of Dock street.

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Mr. and Mrs. John P. Moore expect to leave for Mr. Moore's home in Snow Hill, Md., next week, where they will visit his parents during the holidays.

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The many friends of Miss Margie Gray, of Winston, will be glad to know that she will arrive in the city to spend the holidays.

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Friends of Lieutenant Commander Edwin A. Anderson will be pleased to learn of his promotion to the rank of Commander with the title of Captain.

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The many friends of Miss Carrie Myers learn with interest that she is in Boston, where she is the guest of friends. Miss Myers is greatly missed by her friends in this city.

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Mr. and Mrs. Pembroke Jones, Miss Sadie Jones and Mr. Pembroke Jones, Jr., will arrive about the twenty-second to spend the Christmas holidays at their home on Wrightsville Sound.

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The weekly meeting of the Tuesday Evening Bridge Club was held at the residence of Miss Sue McQueen, on Tuesday last. This will be the last meeting of the Club until after the Christmas holidays.

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The Art Department of Sorosis held a very interesting meeting, at the Club rooms, on Friday afternoon. Sorosis is one of the most progressive and instructive Clubs in Wilmington and all of its members are very enthusiastic.

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The Christmas dance of L'Agile Cotillon Club will take place in Masonic Temple on the thirty-first of December. This will be an unusually pretty dance, and there will be a large number of college boys and visiting young ladies present.

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Miss Carrie Sale Hardwick, who for some time past has been the guest of Miss Meriwether, of Buena Vista, Va., will return to her home very shortly. Her friends will be glad to learn that she will bring with her, Miss Meriwether, who will spend the holidays in this city.

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Miss Charlotte Fennell returned to the city on Friday last, after a very pleasant visit to her friend, Miss Mary Hardison, of Rocky Mount, who was one of the most attractive and popular visitors to the Beach last Summer. Miss Fennell's friends are very glad to have her in Wilmington again.

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Miss Lina DeRosset will arrive next Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William L. DeRosset, Jr. Miss DeRosset is a student at the Peabody Conservatory of Music where she is taking a course in vocal and piano music.

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Friday's Richmond Times-Dispatch says: "Mrs. Emerson, wife of President T. M. Emerson, of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. P. Boatwright, in Washington street, Portsmouth. Mrs. Emerson will be remembered in Richmond, her former home, as Miss Baughman, sister of Miss Minnie Baughman, of this city."

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Cincinnati Enquirer: "Mrs. Norman G. Kenan was hostess at a delightful luncheon Wednesday noon in the Havlin, followed by a box party in the Lyric, in honor of Mrs. Morris Mihalovitch's guest, Mrs. Sol. Sternberger, of North Carolina. The guests were Mrs. Morris Mihalovitch, Mrs. Sternberger, Mrs. D. Falkenstein, Mrs. L. Salinger, Mrs. D. R. Stern and Mrs. M. Lowenthal."

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The following from the New York "Times" will be read with much interest by Wilmington people: "The engagement of Dr. Linsly R. Williams to Mrs. Paul Leicester Ford is announced. The date for the wedding has not yet been fixed." Mrs. Ford is the only daughter of Mr. Edward Kidder, now of Brooklyn, but formerly of Wilmington, and a niece of Mr. George Wilson Kidder, of this city. Mrs. Ford is well known in Wilmington, where she has visited a number of times.

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A very interesting meeting of the Home Science Department of Sorosis was held at the residence of Mrs. Walker Taylor, on Wednesday last, when Dr. Edward Jenner Wood lectured on "Child Study." The lecture was most interesting and instructive, and the members of this department of Sorosis feel that they were very fortunate in hearing this lecture. Later in the afternoon light refreshments were served, and a most enjoyable afternoon was spent by all who were in attendance.

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L'Ariosa German Club will give one of the most elaborate dances ever given by that club, on the twenty-sixth of this month. There will be souvenirs and favors for the guests, and the event is anticipated with a great deal of pleasure by all of its members, as well as those of their friends who will participate. There will be a large number of college men and out-of-town guests who will attend, as well as the members. Also there will be a great many visiting young ladies.

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Yesterday afternoon at the home of her parents, the engagement of Miss Mary Borden to Mr. Oliver Terrell Wallace, Jr., was announced. Miss Borden is a daughter of Mr. Ed Borden, and has a large circle of friends in this city, who will be interested to learn of this announcement. Mr. Wallace is from Kentucky, though for the past year he has made his home in Wilmington, where he has a host of friends wo extend to him their congratulations. The marriage will take place in the Spring.

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As the Christmas season advances, the various guilds in the city have held sales, which have aided many in doing their Xmas shopping, and at the same time have considerably increased their funds, which will aid them in carrying on their works of charity. Those of the past week the "St. Agnes Guild" sale, at 129 Market street and the sale of the "Hospital Circle of the King's Daughters," which was held at the residence of Mrs. William Latimer, an enthusiastic member of the Guild.

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The marriage of Miss Margaret Ashe and Mr. Albert Stockard was the social event of the past week, and they were the recipients of many pleasant attentions. On Saturday night Miss Nellie Durham informally entertained members of the bridal party. Games apropos of the occasion were played, and the proverbial wedding cake was cut, with the ring, bodkin and six pence. Miss Durham as hostess made all feel at ease, and the evening will long be pleasantly remembered. Miss Margaret Nash was hostess at a very delightful reception given to the bridal party after the Ashe-Stockard nuptials on Tuesday night. The game of "Hearts" was played, and the cake cut, in which was the ring and thimble. The evening was a pleasing finale to the numerous events of the week.

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The Brotherhood of the First Presbyterian Church held a delightful social session in the parlors of the church on Thursday evening of the past week. Jos. W. Little, Esq., presided at the meeting and in addition to a delightful programme of music there were two short addresses by Mr. Martin S. Willard and General Secretary Edward Kettle, of the Y. M. C. A. Mr. Willard was heard most interestingly on the subject "A Trip to the Orient," his remarks being an account of his travels abroad several years ago. "Some Experiences in Arizona" were related by Mr. Kettle most interestingly. The musical programme was contributed to by Mrs. Anne DeRosset Harris and an orchestra led by Mr. James E. Willson. Dainty refreshments were served and all in attendance were charmed with the entertainment.

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The members of Harmony Circle spent a most delightful evening on Tuesday last, when they gave a german complimentary to several young couples who have recently been married, these being: Mr. and Mrs. Jake Solomon. Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Dannebaum, and Mr. and Mrs. Ike Solomon. An elegant supper was served about midnight, and many appropriate toasts were proposed. There were quite a number of out-of-town guests present, and the occasion was one of much pleasure to all who were fortunate enough to attend. The list of those present is as follows: Miss Eva Einstein, Kinston; Mr. Lee Rheinheimer, Richmond; Mrs. Adolph Einstein, Kinston; Mr. Lionel Weil, Goldsboro; Miss Clara Solomon, Mr. Julius Cohn, Goldsboro; Miss Whitlock, Richmond; Mr. Moses Bear, Miss Jeannette Frank, Mr. Joe Blumenthal, Philadelphia; Miss Mamie Bear, Mr. Irving Bear, Miss Viola Bear, Mr. Adolph Roseman, Miss Sadie Seligman, Mr. Emanuel Bear, Miss Rebecca Seligman, Mr. Sig Goodman; Miss Nathan, Mr. Louis Goodman, Miss Deborah Shrier, Mr. Marshall Shrier, Miss Hattie Taylor, Mr. Adolph Goodman, Mr. and Mrs. Wanbold of Atlanta; Mr. and Mrs. Goldberg, of Jacksonville; Mr. and Mrs. Julius Hahn, Mr. and Mrs. M. Rosenman, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kahn, Mr. and Mrs. A. Shrier, Mr. and Mrs. S. Solomon, Mr and Mrs J. M. Solky, Mr. and Mrs Louis Stein, Mr and Mrs. B. Solomon, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Sternberger, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Solomon and Mr. and Mrs. Jake Sternberger. Stags—Messrs. Levi of New York, Joe Frank, Ed David and Lionel Kahn. Splendid music for the occasion was rendered by the Hollowbush orchestra.

PROHIBITION AND LICENSE

Census Statistics, Showing Effect Of Each on Drunkenness.

(From the Washington Herald.)

Statistics compiled by the United States census Office, showing, in effect, the results of prohibition and license on communities, in so far as number of arrests for drunkenness is concerned, give interesting food for thought to the contesting forces in this city—the prohibitionists and the advocates of license.

One of the significant facts shown in this official report seems to be that the number of arrests for drunkenness increases with the decrease of the number of saloons, and that there is the most drunkenness where, in proportion to population, the number of licensed saloons is smallest, or where there are no saloons at all. The following table illustrates this fact:

	Saloons for each 1,000 inhabitants.	No. arrests for each saloon.
Milwaukee	6.01	2.74
Cincinnati	5.24	7.80
Dayton	4.89	11.20
Columbus, Ohio	4.55	7.74
Louisville	4.17	9.46
Baltimore	4.09	14.80
Chicago	3.76	11.17
St. Louis	3.76	10.92
Richmond, Va.	3.69	15.48
Rochester	3.68	5.69
New Haven	3.46	16.48
Indianapolis	3.22	11.72
New York	3.15	12.27
Portland, Ore	2.96	12.60
Denver	2.73	16.18
Providence	2.49	21.65
Seattle, Wash	2.31	49.01
Omaha	2.21	36.39
Boston	1.81	34.13
Pittsburg	1.64	41.97
Philadelphia	1.41	37.94
Lowell, Mass	0.96	53.43
Worcester	0.59	78.13

Another fact shown is that the number of arrests for drunkenness in cities with no license is greater than in cities that regulate the liquor traffic with the license system. Rockland, Maine, shows 385 arrests for drunkenness; Danvers, Mass., has 48 cases; Watertown, Mass., has 123; Tyler, Texas, has 118 cases of drunkenness, and there is no license in any of these places. Chippewa Falls, Wis., with 45 saloons, shows 132 arrests for drunkenness; Fremont, Ohio, 43 saloons and 226 cases; Merrill, Wis., 37 saloons, 167 cases; Danville, Pa., 27 saloons, 127 arrests; Fort Madison, Iowa, 26 licenses, 208 arrests; Rochester, N. H., 22 license, 100 arrests.

Rockland, Maine, with no licensed saloons, it being in a prohibition State, heads the list with 385 arrests for drunkenness, and Watertown, Wis., with 81 arrests and 58 saloons, concludes the list.

Arrests for drunkenness per 1,000 inhabitants in the State of Illinois was 19.50; Indiana, 17.58; New Jersey, 9.09. These States issue licenses, and the percentage of arrests in prohibition States is as follows: Kansas, 14.61; Iowa, 27.50; Maine, 25.39.

Being asked to state the cause of the fact that arrests for drunkenness increase where the number of licensed saloons decrease or where total prohition is in force, an official of the Census Office said:

"For this phenomenon we have no statistics. I suppose, however, that they are to be found, in the first place in the absence of conveniently located drinking places, which seems to encourage home tippling and purchase by the bottle, instead of by the drink.

"2. The abundance of secret drinking places, which sell liquor of inferior quality and are frequented by persons who would stay away from public saloons.

"3. The increase of the use of spirituous liquors and the decrease of the use of malt beverages and wine, the latter, on account of their bulk, being more difficult and more dangerous to handle than the other.

"4. The increased temptation that lies in prohibition and secretness. I am further inclined to believe that the result of these figures appears more favorable to prohibition and other legal restraints than would be justified by actual facts. Where the sale of liquor is carried on clandestinely, care is probably taken that drunken persons do not fall into the hands of the police, and the person who gets drunk at home probably remains at home, and is not arrested.

"I am therefore, inclined to believe that the police records show the actual state of inebriety in prohibition places much less than in others, and that if the actual state were known, prohibition States and towns would in statistics fare far worse than they do now.

"Be this as it may, these statistics are incontrovertible proof of the fallacy of prohibitive and greatly restrictive liquor legislation, be it State prohibition, local option, high license, or the dispensary system. The best law from the standpoint of temperance seems to be a license law with a moderate fee for the license, and a sane control of the saloons on the part of the authorities."

QUARTERLY CONFERENCES

Appointments of Presiding Elder Cuninggim for the District.

Quarterly Conferences of the Wilmington District will be held as follows:

Wilmington, Bladen Street, December 15.
Wilmington, Grace Church, December 15.
Wilmington, Trinity Church December 22.
Wilmington, Fifth Street Church—December 22.
Southport—December 29, 30.
Waccamaw, Zion—January 4, 5.
Whiteville and Vineland—January 12, 13.
Shallotte, Union—January 16.
Town Creek, Zion—January 18, 19.
Columbus, Evergreen, morning—January 25, 26.
Chadbourn and Bolton—January 26, 27.
Magnolia, Trinity—February 1, 2.
New River, S. Ferry, night—February 6.
Jacksonville, Richlands — February 8, 9.
Carver's Creek, Council, night—February 11, 12.
Burgaw, Herrings—February 15, 16.
Clinton—February 23, 24.
Kanansville—February 29, March 1.
Onslow, Maysville—March 7, 8.
Scott's Hill, Union—March 14, 15.

Will the local papers within the bounds of the district do us the kindness to publish the above appointments. Very Respectfully,

W. L. CUNINGGIM,
Presiding Elder.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says; 'Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c.

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STATEMENT

Report of the condition of the ATLANTIC TRUST & BANKING CO., Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business Dec. 3, 1907.

Resources.

Loans and Discounts		$529,835 86
Demand Loans		23,690 00
Bonds		9,000 00
Furniture and fixtures		100 00
Due from Banks		98,011 28
Cash Items		284 30
Gold Coin		230 00
Silver Coin		832 96
Nat'l Bank and U. S. Notes		9,728 00
Total		$671,712 40

Liabilities.

Capital Stock		$ 50,000 00
Undivided Profits		29,759 88
Deposits	$561,600 57	
Demand Certificates	27,809 62	589,410 19
Cashier's Checks		2,242 33
Certified Checks		300 00
Total		$671,712 40

I, Milton Calder, Cashier of the Atlantic Trust & Banking Co., do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief

MILTON CALDER, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of Dec. 1907.

W. B. DRAKE, JR., Notary Public.

Commission expires Aug. 21, 1908.

Correct Attest:

B. O. STONE,
C. J. MITCHELL,
B. H. J. AHRENS,
Directors.

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The Morning Star.

Sunday, December 15, 1907.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 15, 1907.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M., Saturday, December 14:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 62 degrees; 8 P. M., 56 degrees; maximum, 67 degrees; minimum 46 degrees; mean, 56 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 1.27; rainfall for the month, 1.64.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Friday 17 feet 2 inches.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Fair Sunday, colder on the coast, Monday fair, fresh southwest to west winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 15.

Sun Rises .....7:03 A. M.
Sun Sets .....4:47 P. M.
Day's Length .....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 4:47 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 7:17 A. M.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Dr. J. A. Stone and Mr. W. H. Stone, of Shallotte, Brunswick county, spent a few days here this week with relatives and friends.

—Miss Emma McLaurin, of Bennettsville, S. C., is the attractive guest of her sister, Mrs. Clarence W. Mills, in East Wilmington.

—Mr. S. L. Smith and Miss Maggie Smith, of Clarkton, are visiting friends and relatives in the city.

—Her many friends will regret to learn that Miss Ruby Wiggs, after only a week's visit to her old home in this city, has returned to Chadbourn, N. C., where the family now resides.

—Rev. C. M. Rock, of Magnolia, arrived yesterday and in the absence of the pastor, Dr. Hale, will occupy the pulpit of the First Baptist Church, both morning and evening today.

—Mr. F. W. Ortmann was called to Charleston, S. C., yesterday because of the serious illness of his brother, Mr. Louis Ortmann, a prominent resident of that city who is well known in Wilmington.

—Friends of Miss Lucy Poisson, who recently came home from St. Mary's and underwent an operation for appendicitis at the James Walker Memorial Hospital, will be delighted to know that she has sufficiently recovered as to be able to go to her home in the city yesterday.

—Prof. L. McNeill, principal of Grove Academy at Kenansville, one of the foremost schools for boys in this section of the State, was in the city yesterday to arrange for some tinners to complete the roof of the handsome new brick building which the Academy will occupy after the holidays.

—The many friends of Mr. Patrick Matthew were delighted to see him in the city yesterday. He has recently returned from a five months visit to his old home in Scotland and he stopped over in Edenton, N. C., upon his return. Mr. Matthew will resume his connection with the firm of Matthew & O'Brien, civil engineers, and they will have offices at Wilmington and Edenton.

MR. VOLLERS' WHEREABOUTS

No Developments Yesterday in Reported Finding of Body.

There were no developments yesterday to indicate that the body of the white man found floating Friday evening in the harbor at Southport was that of Mr. W. A. Vollers, the missing groceryman of this city. Mayor Guthrie, of Southport, stated that he would send out in the bay yesterday morning and see what could be done to find the body reported by the launch captain Friday night and would notify the proper parties in this city if there were any developments. In the absence of any word from Mayor Guthrie yesterday, it is believed that the search was fruitless and that nothing was developed there. The telephone line to Southport was out of commission yesterday and parties returning from Southport during the day stated that they had heard nothing there as to any developments in the case.

It is now believed to be a certainty that Mr. Vollers is not alive and relatives and friends in this city are making inquiries for the body upon this presumption. The suspense of the wife and children of the missing man is terrible and they have the greatest sympathy of all in their anxiety for husband and father.

Waccamaw Closes Down.

The plant of the Waccamaw Lumber Company, in this city, was shut down on Friday of the past week and the mill is now being boarded up until further action is taken by the company. The planing mill is running for the present and several million feet of lumber are on the yards for shipment, but market conditions just now are not at all favorable for disposing of this stock. It is understood that the Waccamaw people will transfer all their operations to the new mill at Bolton the first of the new year; in fact a number of the men from the Wilmington mill have already gone over there. Between 50 and 60 men were employed in the saw mill of the plant which was closed down here on Friday.

A Dangerous Deadlock,

that sometimes terminates fatally, is the stoppage of liver and bowel functions. To quickly end this condition without disagreeable sensations, Dr. King's New Life Pills should always be your remedy. Guaranteed absolutely satisfactory in every case or money back, at R. R. Bellamy's drug store. 25c.

Teddy Bears, Teddy Bear Dolls, white and brown, at Rehder's. **

Crystal Palace next week. "Noah's Ark." 4t

LOCAL DOTS.

—Black jack and pine in any quantity desired may be had by phoning 1628. Prompt attention will be given to all orders.

—Gaylord's Big Department Store will remain open every night next week to accommodate the holiday shoppers.

—Concord Chapter No. 1 R. A. M., will hold a special convocation Monday evening at 8 o'clock and the election of officers will take place. A full attendance is desired.

—The Star was yesterday shown a lemon grown by Miss Lucy B. Moore at Oakmont greenhouses, Seventeenth and Market streets, and which weighed one pound and six ounces, the circumference being 15 inches.

—The Parish Guild of St. John's Church will conduct a sale of aprons and fancy Christmas articles on Tuesday from 3 to 6 P. M. at the residence of Mrs. J. Hicks Bunting, 207 North Third street.

—The schooner Massachusetts, Captain Lane, arrived yesterday from New York with cargo for the Seaboard Air Line warehouses. The British steamer Lord Derby, previously reported at Southport, came up the river and took a berth at the Champion Compress.

—Yesterday's Raleigh News and Observer: "Edwind Woltseth, the trained nurse from Norway, who has been at Newbern several weeks, has had secured for him at Wilmington a position in the James Walker Memorial Hospital. He was placed by the State Department of Agriculture."

—At a mass meeting of the lot owners of Pine Forest cemetery held at Ruth Hall December 11th, the following directors were elected for the ensuing year: James K. Cutler, James E. Howard, James H. Johnson, John H. Davis, Joseph F. Walker, Jacob Johnson and Joseph J. Jones.

—Marriage licenses were issued yesterday as follows: Miss Minnie Barber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Barber, to Mr. James R. Prevatt, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Prevatt. Miss Daisy Hughes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Hughes, of Wilmington, and Mr. Moses Peter Hollis, of Florence, S. C.

LIBRARY DONATIONS

Gratifyingly Large Number of Books Given During Two Months.

During the past two months it is pleasing to know that a goodly number of books have been donated to the Wilmington Public Library. It will be recalled that during November 145 new books were purchased, so that, on account of the steadily increasing numbers it has been necessary to add a new book case. The donations during the two months named have been as follows:

October—Miss Anne Boykin, two; Miss Augusta Boykin, one; Miss Chase, six; Miss Jane Emerson, one; Mr. Latham Harriss, nine; Mr. Marian Harriss, one; Miss Elizabeth Reiger, two; Mr. Alfred Sternberger, one; Miss Katie Myers, one; Miss Reba Myers, one; Miss E. S. Waddell, twenty-two; Mr. H. M. Kendall, four.

November—Mr. George Hall, one; Miss Anne Munds, eight; Mr. W. M. Cumming, one; Miss Chase, four; Miss Eliza Meares, one.

Wilmington Schooner Lost.

The steamer Caracas, from New York December 7th for San Juan and Caribbean ports, arrived at San Juan, P. R., Thursday and reported that today a week ago she met the American schooner Gardner B. Reynolds deserted at sea. Her decks were awash and only one mast remained standing, the others having been burned. The schooner in command of Captain Parsons, cleared from Wilmington on November 27th for Portland, Me., with cargo of 363,000 feet of lumber consigned by the Cape Fear Lumber Company, of this city to Portland, Me. She was owned in Bath, Me., was of 397 tons and carried a crew of six men, who were probably taken off by some passing vessel. The cargo was, of course, insured.

Mr. John S. Costin Dead.

Friends will regret to learn of the death of Mr. John S. Costin, which occurred last night at 10:30 o'clock at his home, No. 615 South Third street. The death was rather sudden and it came as a shock to the family and friends. Mr. Costin was in the 74th of his age and leaves a wife and five children, Messrs John W. and D. E. Costin, Mrs. L. Riordan and Miss Kate Costin, of Wilmington, and Mrs. H. C. Farrow, of Masonboro. The funeral will be conducted at 3:30 o'clock this afternoon from Masonboro Baptist Church and the interment will be in the family burying ground there.

Solky's Holiday Windows.

Two of the most attractively decorated windows for the holidays on Front street are those at the Masonic Temple store of J. M. Solky & Co. the well known clothiers and furnishers. The latest in neckwear, shirts, collars, cuffs, handkerchiefs, suspenders and the like, suitable for gifts for the husband, father or brother, are shown in endless variety and there's no trouble to make selections. J. M. Solky & Co., are already enjoying a wide holiday patronage and their announcement elsewhere in today's paper contains many interesting suggestions to the Christmas shopper.

Dr. Nash to Preach Today.

Dr. L. L. Nash, formerly travelling evangelist of the North Carolina Conference, is in the city on his way from Newbern to his new appointment at Gibson, N. C., and will preach today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. at Trinity M. E. Church, corner Ninth and Market streets. Dr. Nash is pleasantly remembered as having assisted the pastor, Rev. W. L. Rexford, with a series of very successful revival services at Trinity Church last Spring. All friends are invited to hear Dr. Nash at the two services at Trinity today.

Gaylord's Big Department Store will be open every night this week until 10 o'clock. **

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SUNDAY SERVICES.

Announcements By Wilmington Pastors for Pulpits Today.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, Carolina Place: Services at 11 A. M. and 8:15 P. M. Subject of lesson sermon "Is the Universe Including Man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" All are invited.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, corner of Sixth and Market streets, Rev. W. A. Snyder, pastor; services conducted by the pastor in the Luther Memorial Building, Sixth and Princess streets. English service at 11 A. M. English Vesper service at 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Wednesday night service with Bible study at 8:15 P. M. A cordial invitation to all.

St. Thomas' Church: First mass, 7 A. M. Last mass, sermon, 10:30 A. M. Vespers 7:45 P. M.

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Fourth and Orange streets, Rev. A. W. Seabrease, rector: Morning prayer, sermon and Holy Communion at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 4 P. M. Evening service and sermon at 8 P. M. All are cordially invited.

St. James' Episcopal Church: Holy Communion and sermon at 11 A. M.; Sunday School at 3:45 P. M. Evening prayer at 5 P. M.

St. John's Church: 11 A. M. Morning Prayer with sermon. 5 P. M. Evening Prayer. Sunday School at 4 P. M. W. E. Cox, rector

Church of the Good Shepherd, corner Sixth and Queen streets: Morning prayer and sermon at 11 A. M. Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. Evening Prayer and sermon at 7:30 P. M. Seats free; strangers cordially invited to attend. Rev. Thos. P. Noe, rector.

Advent Christian Church, Sixth and Church streets, Elder J. T. Johnson, pastor, residence 610 South Second street: The order of services for Sunday will be as follows: Preaching at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Subject for morning, "Holy Temples," text 1st Cor. 3:17. Subject for evening, "Salvation, How Obtained?" text, Romans 1:16. Prayer meeting at the church Friday evening. Willing Workers' Society meets Tuesday afternoon at the church at 3 o'clock. Mrs. R. P. McClammy president. The object of this society is to relieve the worthy destitute and visit the sick and afflicted, irrespective of denomination or faith. Sunday School at 3 P. M. W. J. Reaves, superintendent; H. G. Saunders, secretary A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.

Trinity M. E. Church South, corner Ninth and Market streets, Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor; Preaching today at 11 A. M. and 7:30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 P. M. To all these services the public is cordially invited.

Church of Christ, Seventh and Orange streets Rev. F. L. Davis pastor: Services as follows: Bible School at 10 A. M. Communion and preaching at 11. Christian Endeavorers at 6.45 and preaching at 7:30. Midweek prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday evening at 7:30 Teachers' Training Bible Class Thursday evening at 7:30 at home of pastor 102 South Fifth Any one who cares to is invited to attend and join us in this class. The public in general is invited and will receive a cordial welcome at any time.

Brooklyn Baptist Church: Worship with us at the Brooklyn Baptist Church tody. Pastor Whitlock will preach at 11 A. M. on "Soul Winning" and at 7:30 P. M. on "Striving to Enter Heaven." Sunday School at 3:30 P. M. All are cordially invited to these services. Rev. Mr. Whitlock will preach in East Wilmington in the afternoon at 3 o'colck.

NEWS AT LUMBERTON

Local and Personal Items From County Seat of Robeson.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 14.—Rev. E. M. Hoyle, who was assigned to the Lumberton Methodist Church by conference at Newbern last week, will fill his first appointment here tomorrow.

The Lumberton Bakery, which has been doing a profitable business for several years is advertised for sale——Our people are getting ready for Christmas, many places of business already presenting a holiday appearance——The revival services which commenced in the Gospel Tabernacle here last Sunday to be continued for two weeks, will porbably close tomorrow night.

Engineer Jack Simpson, employed at the Lumberton Cotton Mills, was painfully burned Thursday night by falling into a pit of hot water from a discharge pipe. While passing around the pit, he became blinded by escaping steam and fell as stated. While his injuries are painful they are not considered serious——The Lumberton Graded School building which was to be completed by the first of December will not be ready for use before the first of March or thereabouts. The delay is caused by lack of material delivered promptly.

Large quantities of eggs are now being shipped here from Norfolk by express. They are being delivered here for two or three cents less on the dozen than the farmers want to take for them. The prices of poultry are much higher here than in the large cities.

The stockholders of the Virginia and Carolina Southern Railroad Company will hold a meeting here next Wednesday at 2:30 P. M. for the purpose of electing directors, etc.

The large seed house of the Lumberton Cotton Oil, Mill and Ginning Company collapsed Tuesday night, causing a loss of about $2,000. The building will be repaired as rapidly as possible.

The name of the Lumberton Sanitarium has been changed to the Thompson Hospital. Dr. N. A. Thompson is president; Mr. R. D. Caldwell vice president and Mr. R. C. Lawrence secretary and treasurer——Those of our people who attended the Baptist Convention at Wilmington and the Methodist Conference at Newbern report most enjoyable trips——Mrs. Emily McLeod, who has been in Baltimore for treatment, returned home this week very much improved——Robeson county has nine banks and all of them seem to be doing good business. The three Lumberton banks report over $340,000 on deposit——Hunters report wild duck plentiful in this section.

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Mrs. Druscilla Walker Dead.

Mrs. Druscilla Walker, wife of Mr. James T. Walker, No. 819 South Eighth street, passed away yesterday morning after a long illness with tuberculosis. She was 29 years of age and a devoted communicant of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. After funeral services this morning by the Rev. Thos. P. Noe, the remains will be taken to the former home of the family at Rocky Point for interment.

LUMBER CRAFT IS LOST.

Crew of Edmund Phinney Rescued Just in Time.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—The bark Edmund Phinney from Savannah, Ga., for Perth Amboy with lumber and railroad ties, was caught in a heavy snow storm and gale along the dangerous shoals of Sandy Hook this morning and was driven on the beach about a mile from the point of the hook and near the government proving grounds.

As soon as she grounded the vessel turned broadside to the beach and lay rolling heavily with the heavy seas making a clean breach over her decks The high surf made it impossible for the Sandy Hook saving crew to row to their assistance and recourse was had to the Lyle gun in an attempt to shoot a line to the eleven imperiled seamen who could be seen in the rigging of the Phinney. This also failed as the gun had to be fired in the teeth of a sixty-mile gale.

After all attempts with the life line the crew launched a new power boat equipped with a 30-horse power gasoline engine and it was taken in tow by a wrecking tug, which then started for the stranded bark. The seas, driven by the wind, were so high that the tug was soon obliged to put back and seek the shelter of the Hook.

An hour later the Phinney's foremast was carried away and the crew were seen gathered in the stern of the vessel.

Shortly before 2 o'clock a line was sent out and reached the Phinney and the life savers brought the crew ashore in the breeches buoy.

The Phinney is of 656 tons net and is owned by S. L. V. Jones of New York.

The Phinney was piled up on the sands off Sandy Hook beach and battered to pieces by mountainous seas.

With great difficulty here crew, half dead from exposure were rescued after clinging to the hulk for several hours, the last man scarcely having swung off in the breeches buoy when the broken and battered craft went to pieces and disappeared in the boiling waters.

Not another man could have been saved, so suddenly did the bark disintegrate.

Tonight the Phinney's crew are safely housed by the life savers, but are still suffering from exposure.

The storm came upon the Phinney as she hove in sight of the light at Navesink Highlands, about 2 o'clock this morning and when she reached Schotland light ship off Sandy Hook.

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We have already baked over one thousand pounds of fruit cake and we guarantee every pound to be of the best quality.

We have also lemon, chocolate, jelly and cocoanut layer cakes, sally-white, citron, raisin and plenty of old-fashioned pound cake in 25c, 50c and $1.00 sizes.

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RUTT AND STOL WON.

German Riders Carry Off Honors in Six Day Race.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Madison Square Garden, New York, Dec. 14.—Rutt and Stol, the German team, won the six day bicycle race finished here tonight.

This is the first time in the history of the sport that a foreign team has captured first honors of the struggle.

Shortly before eleven o'clock all the teams were withdrawn from the track with the exception of Rutt and Fogler the leaders. The two riders raced for a mile and Rutt led the way over the finish line a winner. The two leading teams made 2,312 miles and five laps when the race was stopped.

Fogeler and Moran won the second honors of the race, while Georget and Dupree were third, Downey and Downing were fourth and Galvin and Wiley fifth.

The final score:

Rutt and Stol, 2,312 miles, five laps—1.

Folger and Moran, 2,312 miles, five laps—2.

George and Dupree, 2,312 miles, four laps—3.

Downing and Downey, 2,312 miles, four laps—4.

Galvin and Wiley, 2,312 miles, and four laps—5.

Krebs and Vanderstuyft, 2,312 miles, three laps—6.

Logan and Bardgett, 2,312 miles, three laps—7.

Breton and Vanoni, 2,312 miles, one lap—8.

The record is 2,735 miles, four laps, made by Miller and Waller in 1899. Last year's mark was 2,292 miles two laps.

POLICE JUSTICE HAD PASS

And Now He Must Answer To the Charge In Court.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Bristol, Va., Dec. 14.—Jerre Bunting, of this city, Police Justice and President of the City Council, will be tried Monday morning on a charge of accepting passes from the Bristol Belt Line Railway Company, in violation of a provision of the new constitution of Virginia.

He is also under indictment in the Federal Court for alleged conspiracy with a labor agent to commit peonage.

The charge in connection with the railroad company was preferred by a bill filed in the Corporation Board by W. J. Cox. Mr. Cox employed attorneys to prosecute Bunting.

SIXTY MILES AN HOUR

At Norfolk But No Disasters Are Reported.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—The northeast gale that swept up the coast early this morning while severe and forcing all ships in shore to seek shelter of land locked harbors, so far as reported was followed by no disasters.

The wind reached a velocity of fifty miles and hour off the Virginia capes and sixty miles at Hatteras.

A high sea prevailed and a driving rain and mist added to the perils of navigators. Scores of vessels took refuge in Hampton Roads and the bay inlets.

Gaylord's Big Department Store will be open every night this week until 10 o'clock. **

CONCORD CHAPTER, NO. 1, R. A. M.

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W. A. MARTIN, Secretary.

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BIG CRAFT TUGGED AT ANCHORS

And Many of The Battleships Changed Their Positions.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 14.—Proudly and safely the great American fleet at anchor in Hampton Roads weathered the fiercest northeast gale that swept over this section early this morning the wind reaching a velocity of fifty miles an hour and accompanied by a blinding, stinging rain.

The big dogs of war tugged at their great anchors and those who cast an eye down the line this morning quickly detected that a number of the ships had tugged at their anchors and succeeded in changing their positions, all the way from 5 to 10 yards.

Throughout the morning the Roads was beaten by angry seas and the choppy condition of the surface made navigation by smaller craft dangerous and activities had to be suspended throughout the forenoon.

SEVEN MASTER IS GONE

Thomas W. Lawson, Only Craft of Its Kind, After Many Misshaps, Is Dashed To Pieces After Turning Turtle.

(By Cable to the Morning Star.)

Hughtown, Scilly Island, Dec. 14.—After successfully riding out a succession of gales, which she encountered all the way across the Atlantic, in which she lost all her lifeboats, the American seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson was capsized in Broad sound, Scilly Island, where the captain sought shelter from the fierce storm raging along the coast last night.

Of the crew of eighteen, including Pilot Hicks, who boarded the vessel from a life saver's boat during the night, only three were rescued. These were Captain G. W. Dow, of Melrose, Mass.; Edward L. Rowe, the engineer of Wiscasset, Me., and George Allen of Branford, England.

The schooner left Philadelphia, November 19, for London with a cargo of oil. She had a hard battle with the seas all the way across and when she entered the Broad sound, her captain, knowing the dangers of the coast threw out his anchors. Later in answer to his signals of distress, the life savers put out two life boats and found the Lawson anchored in a dangerous position off Gunners rock. The seas were running high and the gale was increasing and the life savers found that their efforts at rescue were useless. One of the boats returned for a tug and the other was compelled to put back to shore because of the exhaustion of the men. During their absence the Thomas W. Lawson turned turtle.

Allen, one of the rescued men, is not expected to live, while Captain Dow is suffering from a fractured arm. His rescue was effected only through the most superhuman efforts of the lifesavers and the gallantry of Frederick Hicks, the son of Pilot Hicks, who accompanied them on their second trip in the hope of finding his father.

Late this afternoon, after a long search, Captain Dow and Engineer Rowe were seen alive on the Helwether rocks, to which they had clung for upwards of fifteen hours, the tremendous waves preventing their making a landing. Young Hicks plunged into the boiling seas and swam ashore carrying a life line by means of which he and the captain hauled back to the boat the engineer, who was practically uninjured. After assisting Captain Dow, Hicks was able to reach the boat unaided but the effort exhausted him and the doctors ordered him to remain quiet tonight.

Captain Dow told the life savers that when he found his vessel was doomed, he, the engineer and the pilot lashed themselves to the mizzen rigging. When the masts fell, the Captain and the engineer managed to get clear. They jumped to the deck bbut were washed overboard, being carried by the currents to the rocks where they were found. Pilot Hicks however, seemed to be entangled in the rigging.

New York, Dec. 14.—The Thomas W. Lawson, which was wrecked in Broad sound last night was the largest schooner and the only seven-masted schooner afloat. She was launched at Quincy, Mass., five years ago. Her tremendous carrying capacity resulted in making her a most profitable investment for her owners. At the time of the accident, which ended the career of the vessel, she was under charter, which brought her owners a return of $78,000 a year. She was valued at $300,000.

The Lawson was designed by B. B. Crowninshield, of Boston, was built by the Fore River Shipbuilding company, and a little later came into the possession of the Coastwise Transportation company. It was the Transportation Company which chartered the Lawson to the Sun Oil Company for a period of five years.

The Lawson was 403 feet in length and the great boom of the aftermast sail and the spike steer bowsprit, which was 85 feet long, made her measure nearly 500 feet from tip to tip. With a beam of 50 feet and a depth of 36 feet, five inches, she had a carrying capacity of 8,100 tons. Her displacement when loaded was 11,000 tons, the load draught being 26 1-2 feet. She was not insured. She carried a crew of 18 men.

It is a peculiar coincidence that the big seven-master went to end last night—Friday the Thirteenth—inasmuch as that was the title of a book written by Thomas W. Lawson.

Philadelphia, Dec. 14.—The news of the wreck of the big seven-masted schooner, Thomas W. Lawson at the Scilly Islands, was received here today with much sorrow. The Lawson cleared from this port November 19, for London, with a cargo of 2,003,063 gallons of gas oil in bulk, valued at $71,205. She was commanded by Captain Dow and carried a crew of eighteen men.

The names of the crew as furnished by the United States Shipping Commissioner at this port, are as follows:

Master, G. W. Dow, Melrose, Mass.; First Mate, B. P. Libby, Marlboro, Mass.; Second Mate, O. Crocker, New York; Steward, George Miller, Boston; Cabin Boy; Mark Ramson, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Engineer E. L. Rowe, Maine; Fireman, John Karse, Sweden; Zolanssen, Sweden; Seamen, Gus England, Norway; John Lunde, Norway; P. A. Burke, Tonawanda, N. Y.; L. Garridon, Caracas, Venezuela; N. Peterson, Riga, Russia; G. W. Allen, Bradford, England; A. Peterson, Denmark; Gustav Bohnke, Berlin, Germany, and Anton Andrade, Austria.

On her way to sea on the trip that has proved to be her last, the Lawson went aground in the Delaware river near Wilmington, Del., and was floated with the assistance of a steamer and a tug.

On the day the schooner sailed six seamen who had signed articles to ship on the vessel, deserted and their places at the last moment were taken by N. Peterson, A. P[illegible], Burke, Garridon and Andrade.

Tom Lawson a Loser.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 14.—Although the Lawson was registered as being owned by the Transportation company, it was stated today that Mr. Lawson and his family owned a majority of the shares in the vessel and that their loss will be nearly $150,000.

WARM WIRELETS.

Dr. Joseph Y. Porter, State Health Officer, of Jacksonville, Fla., has been advised by the United States Marine Hospital Service that the closed quarantine against the Island of Cuba will cease today.

With but 24 hours of his term to serve, Convict Polk MacKay, in the penitentiary at Nashville, committed suicide Friday night with a shoe knife His mind, it is believed suddenly became unbalanced.

GOOD WORD FOR GROVER

Ex-Secretary of the Treasury Speaks of Conditions.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Bristol, Va., Dec. 14.—Ex-Secretary Leslie M. Shaw, of the Treasury, delivered the closing speech of the campaign for Bascom Slemp, son of the late Congressman Campbell Slemp, for Congress, at Norton, Va., tonight.

"We owe a debt of gratitude to Grover Cleveland for maintaining the integrity of our credit," said Mr. Shaw. "It seems to have been his special task to hold the country against the popular sentiment having its root in greenbackism. In judgment very few men who have held the office would have combatted the overwhelming sentiment of his own party for the free coinage of silver and the very pronounced sentiment in the opposition party."

After telling of the prosperity that came to the country through the wise administration of McKinley he added:

"It has been the great privilege of Theodore Roosevelt to demonstrate that in this country the people and not the capitalists govern. Few if any previous occupants of the White House have been as fearless as he in the disguise of the executive functions of the government. Under his leadership the supremacy of the law and the universality of his application has been demonstrated as seldom if ever before in our history.

He paid a high tribute to the late Congressman Slemp who held the only Republican seat in the House from Virginia, and for which his son is the party's nominee. He urged that the people support him as against D. F. Bailey of this city, the Independent candidate of that party, the Democrats having failed to make a nomination.

NO EFORT TO BE MADE NOW.

After the Holidays Congress May Take Up Financial Question.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—It can be stated on the highest authority that if the Sub-committee of the House Committee on banking and currency, now dealing with the subject can have its way, no effort will be made by the present Congress to adopt legislation remedial of the present financial situation.

All the energies of that committee will be directed toward the framing and passage of laws more general in character and which will be intended to preclude shrinkage of the circulation entailing widespread financial distress.

The Sub Committee held a four-hour conference today with its chairman, Representative Fowler of New Jersey, at which the bill which the sub-committee has undertaken to draft was earnestly discussed, but no decision as to its precise character and scope was reached.

It is not likely that the Sub-Committee will be ready to report on the bill until after the holidays. Then the main committee will spend considerable time examining the bill, perhaps to revise or amend it.

Men high in the world of finance will be given an opportunity to appear before the Committee to present their views on the proposed measure. Much time will be spent in both House and Senate considering the bill when reported.

STOVE MANUFACTURERS MEET

Decide Not To Change the Present Schedule of Prices.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chattanooga, Tenn., Dec. 14.—The Southern Association of Stove Manufacturers, which controls all the stove manufacturing business of the entire South, held a meeting in Birmingham this week. It was decided that notwithstanding the decrease in the price of iron throughout the country that the association will keep the prices of their product as at present.

They declared that the past year with iron prices at the maximum, they operated at a loss and will only break even under present conditions by adhering to present prices.

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INTO RECEIVERS HANDS

Sheffield Coal and Iron Company of Alabama Has Closed Down.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Sheffield, Ala., Dec. 14.—The affairs of the Sheffield Coal and Iron Company have passed into the hands of Receiver Benjamin Strong, Jr., of New York.

The third furnace of the company, the only one which has been in blast for some time, closed down yesterday. Mr. Strong is acting under proceedings instituted in the United States court by the Bankers Trust Company, of New York, which company is trustee for the bondholders. Mr. Strong is an officer in the trust company.

—Charlotte, Dec. 13.—John Benton, the young Anson county boy convicted of taking matter from the mails in the local office and who was sentenced to serve one year in the Atlanta Federal Prison, today received a commutation of sentence to two days imprisonment which he has served and to pay a fine of $250. Benton is now at liberty. Judge Boyd stated that he could not send the defendant to prison and leave his family and young wife without protection. The same Judge yesterday suspended judgment on a young man of family from Stanly county, because of the fact that the defendant had recently married and the court declared that under the circumstances it could not send the man to jail. "It is for your wife's sake, and not yours, that I do this," Judge Boyd said to the defendant.

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THE PARISH GUILD, of St. John's Church will conduct a sale of aprons and fancy Christmas articles Tuesday December 17th, from 3 to 6 P. M., at the residence of Mrs. J. Hicks Bunting, 207 North Third street. de 15-1t

WANTED—A private family has two nicely furnished electric-lighted rooms, connected with bath, to rent to two or more young men. Address P. O. Box 546. de 15-1t*

WANTED FOR 1908—Experienced salesmen. Attractive line for retail trade. Worth $300 monthly and better to producers. Position permanent to energetic and reliable men. Box 574, Dept. 42, Chicago, Ill. de 15-1t*

FOR SALE—One coal stove in A-1 condition. Apply to J. M. Solky & Co. de 15-1t

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—Family and pet horse with spider phaeton and new harness; perfectly gentle, safe for children and a good traveller. Apply P. L. Cantwell, 117 Orange street. dec 15 3t

WANTED—Side line traveling salesmen can make $30 to $50 per week handling our latest production of advertising fans. Liberal terms, samples free. Apply at once. United States Calendar Company, Cincinnati, Ohio. de 15-1t*

FURNISHED ROOM for rent. Apply at 709 North Fourth street. de 15-1t

FOR SALE CHEAP—Square piano, second hand. Joseph D. Smith, Executor, 404 North Third street. Phone 317 or office phone 766. de 15-1t

WANTED—Position by willing, energetic young man in wholesale business or office. If in need of a man, let me know. Address X. M. care Star office. de 15-1t

MRS. KNAPP will continue her exhibition and sale of painted China and water colors until Christmas. Many beautiful and inexpensive articles suitable for gifts. Odd Fellows' Building, Third and Princess streets. de 15-5t*

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EXPERIENCED BOOKKEEPER disposing of some hours in the evening desires extra work. Best references D., Star office. dec 14 2t*

FOR SALE AT BARGAIN—Cottag on Wrightsville Beach. An ideal Summer home. Fine condition, nicely furnished, splendid location. Will b sold at a price that will pay 14 pe cent. as an investment. J. G. Wright Son, Real Estate Agents. dec 14 3

STOP! PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, Notary Public. Correspondence, depositions, specifications, commercial and general typewriting satisfactorily performed. Court cases and conventions reported. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess Street. Office phone 708; residence phone 546. de 13-t[illegible]

ONE CAR LOAD Indian River Oranges for delivery Monday. D. M. Gregg, 'phone 1200. de 14-2t*

WANTED—Position as salesman; experience in grocery and general store work; four years experience as manager and buyer; nine years as salesman. Can give references. Address Salesman care Star. dec 14 2t*

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THIRTY-SECOND SERIES—The Clarendon Savings & Loan Association will open its 32nd series of stock on Saturday the 4th day of January 1908. This association has for past years opened and matured two series each year. Stock to this new series can now be obtained by applying to either of officers named below. Subscribe now and avoid the rush on the last day. D. C. Love, President; Walker Taylor, Vice President; H. McClammy, attorney; S. P. Collier, secretary.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,
County of New Hanover.

D. Ellen Powers.
vs.
John Henry Powers.

It being made to appear from the affidavit of D. Ellen Powers filed in this cause that the defendant is a non-resident of this State and cannot after due diligence be found in the State, and that this action is for divorce on the ground of fornication and adultery, and that the plaintiff has a good cause of action against the defendent,

Now the defendant, John Henry Powers, is hereby notified to be and appear at the term of the Superior Court to be held for the County of New Hanover on the 20th day of Jan., 1908, and answer or demur to the complaint this day filed or judgment will be rendered against him according to the prayer of the complaint.

This 21st day of November, 1907.

JNO. D. TAYLOR,
Clerk of the Superior Court of New Hanover County.
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SPIRITS TURPENTINE

—Mt. Airy, Dec. 13.—In an interview with George D. Fawcett, cashier of the First National Bank, it was learned that no scrip would at any time be used at Mount Airy in payment for tobacco.

—Apex, Dec. 13.—The tobacco farmers of this section are not suffering because of the money stringency. Mr. Junius W. Lassiter, of the Green Level secetion at the Planters Warehouse had 538 pounds in his load and it brought him $128.29, an average of 36.8 cents.

—Kinston Free Press—Capt. Hinnant of the Norfolk & Southern mail train informed us today that Beaufort was making a phenominal record shipping fish. It not only has exceeded all previous records but in shipping more fish than any other town on the coast.

—Greensboro Daily Record: There are 436 North Carolinans holding government positions in Washington, who draw annual salaries to the amount of $442,174. North Carolina ranks high among the States of the South in the amount of compensation received by residents holding official position in the District.

—Salisbury, Dec. 14.—While carelessly handling a rifle on the street here yesterday afternoon, Thomas, an eight-year-old son of Frank Heilig, a machinist at Spencer, was fatally shot in the head. The ball entered the forehead, and he fell in his tracks. Attending physicians state that his death is momentarily expected.

—High Point, Dec. 14.—One of the oldest fiddles in existence in good working order is owned by Mr. J. J. Welch of this city. It is nearly 300 years old, having been made in Italy in 1731. It at one time belonged to the late Austin Welch, of Charlotte. The date of its make is marked plainly inside. At one time $800 was offered for it.

Raleigh News and Observer: A gun taken from the Spanish cruiser Christobal Colan, being a 2-inch rapid fire of the Armstrong model, made in Italy and purchased by Spain, has been put beside the Bagley statue in the Capitol Square and is attracting considerable attention. It was secured from the United States Navy Department by Col. Fred A. Olds.

—Salisbubry Evening Post: Judge and Mrs. W. B. Councill came to Salisbury last night, and for a few days will be the guests of Dr. and Mrs. J. B. Councill. The entire State will rejoice to know that Judge Councill has almost entirely recovered from three distinct attacks of pneumonia, suffered since last summer. He is fast regaining his strength and will be able to resume his duties on the bench sooner than was expected when he began recovering from his last attack of pneumonia.

—Asheville, Dec. 14.—The contract for the construction of the interurban electric railway between Asheville and Hendersonville has been let to the North Carolina Construction Company of this city. Mr. Hudson, of that company says that the road will be built; that a new survey will be made at once; that rails and other equipments will be ordered promptly and in all probability road will be complete and in operation within twelve months. It is also stated positively that the money for the road is in sight. The road will cost approximately three quarters of a million dollars. It will be twenty-two miles long and in places will parallel the Southern Railway. It will be both a passenger and freight line. The company will have its own power plant and furnish its own power.

—Charlotte Observer: An Observer reporter caught sight yesterday of a postal card which came addressed to a Charlotte citizen, who has two boys at the State University named Charles and John. John wrote as follows:

"Dear Father: I would write a letter, but I haven't money enough to buy a two-cent stamp. I even had to borrow this card. Charles is wearing out his cuffs by using them for soles in his shoes. My hair is about a foot long, but the barber shops don't give credit. So please send me some money."

"You might have thought," said this father, "that that postal card has distressed me very much, but on the contrary I am greatly rejoiced. Of course, I am sorry that the panic has reduced finances to such a basis as that, but really out of the gloom of the darkness there is a bright ray of light. I have been trying to get that boy's hair cut for three years, and it seems that possessed with the football hair craze he wanted to wear it long. The panic or something else has brought him to his senses, and he now wants to have his hair cut. I sent him the currency for that purpose at once, and shall rejoice to see him once more shorn of his Sampson-like locks."

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Uncle Sam's Pacific Fleet

Sixteen Big Battleships Which Will Steam Fifteen Thousand Miles to San Francisco—Santa Claus Will Come Aboard at Trinidad—Magdalena Bay Target Practice

HATS off! The fleet is passing by. More than half way around the earth in sailing distance—about 15,000 miles—to reach a point 3,000 miles away by land, the most magnificent, the most formidable, the most effective of naval fleets sets sail from Hampton Roads, Virginia, for San Francisco. From the Atlantic to the Pacific, from the east to the west by way of the south, down the Atlantic coast, around Cape Horn, through Magellan strait and up the Pacific coast, these ships of war will plow their way through nearly 14,000 nautical knots of brine. From mid-December until mid-April the whole world will watch the progress of the sixteen mighty American battleships and their attendant lesser war vessels. Every nation on the map of the globe will take a keen official interest in the news of the cruise. Intelligent citizens in every clime will follow the dispatches chronicling the onward career of the splendid squadrons. It is an important piece of world news.

MESS CALL ON THE LOUISIANA.

In the United States naturally the cruise of this great fleet from the Atlantic to the Pacific will be of the highest interest to the average person. For six months we have been talking about this proposed movement of warships. For six months Uncle Sam has been making preparations for the voyage. Some citizens have acquiesced with enthusiasm in the plans of the navy department. Others have objected to the cruise on various grounds. Some have looked upon it as a valuable "demonstration" in view of possible Japanese hostilities. Others have commended the plan merely as a matter of exercising our ships and seamen, just to show what they can do when they try. Still others have hinted that it is nobody's business outside of America what we do with our own naval equipment so long as we keep the peace. Opponents of the cruise have held that it is a needless waste of money, while a few of them seem to regard the movement as something akin to the shaking of a red rag in the face of a bull.

Very probably those who hold that it is nobody's business but Uncle Sam's are close to the mark. The United States has two long coast lines to defend, separated by 3,000 miles of land. Until the acquisition of Hawaii, Guam and the Philippines our Pacific coast was relatively unimportant in a naval sense. United States ownership of those islands increased the importance of Pacific coast naval patrol. Japan's growing military and naval prowess further enhanced this importance. We have no desire to fight England or France, yet we keep the Atlantic coast constantly guarded by powerful fleets. The movement of a great fleet to Pacific waters is but a natural consequence of changed conditions. Secretary of the Navy Metcalf remarked some months ago when this movement was under consideration that it had "practically no significance from a military standpoint." At that time there was some little friction with Japan on account of incidents in San Francisco. That matter was settled amicably, and now the big fleet goes forward with such significance as industrial and commercial conditions may give it.

Under the command of Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans this grandest assembly of American ships that ever plowed the seas is going around the tip end of South America and up through the blue brine of the Pacific to resuscitated and rejuvenated San Francisco.

The sixteen battleships which, with the necessary colliers, supply ships, repair ships and other auxiliaries to an extended cruise, constitute this fleet are as follows:

	Tonnage.	Guns.	Speed.
Connecticut	17,600	24	18
Louisiana	17,600	24	18
Minnesota	17,650	24	18
Vermont	17,650	24	18
Kansas	17,650	24	18
Virginia	15,320	24	19
Georgia	15,320	24	19
New Jersey	15,320	24	19
Rhode Island	15,320	24	19
Maine	13,500	20	18
Missouri	13,500	20	18
Ohio	13,500	20	18
Alabama	11,565	18	17
Illinois	11,565	18	17
Kearsarge	11,540	22	16
Kentucky	11,540	22	16

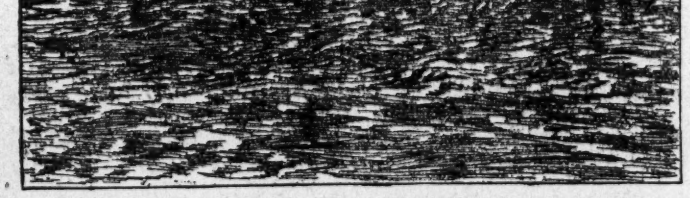
[Guns of secondary battery not given.]

According to the itinerary mapped out, the ships must travel 13,722 knots to reach San Francisco bay. This is equivalent to more than 15,000 miles. The naval authorities figure that 115 days will elapse between the time of starting and the time of arrival at destination, but that only sixty-three days will be devoted to actual sailing. The rest of the time will be spent in port en route and at target practice. It is the intention of the navy department to give the crews much practice at the big and little guns under the best conditions possible. There will be five stops on the long trip, where the ships will anchor and many members of the crews will enjoy shore leave.

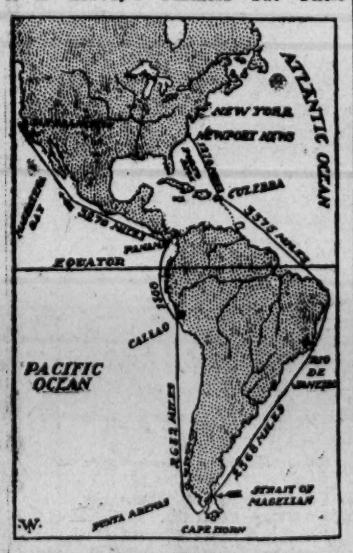
From Hampton Roads to Trinidad, the first port where the fleet will pause, the distance is 1,780 knots. The sailors will spend Christmas at Trinidad, leaving there about three days afterward for Rio de Janeiro, 2,900 knots distant. About Jan. 10 the ships will anchor in the harbor of the Brazilian metropolis, remaining a week. Punta Arenas, in the strait of Magellan, is 2,230 knots farther along. The fleet will spend the closing week of January in that port. Callao, the next stopping point, is 2,850 knots away. According to the schedule mapped out, the fleet should reach Callao on Feb. 13. Six days' respite from cruising will be had in that harbor; then comes a stretch of 3,012 knots to Magdalena bay, on the west coast of Lower California, which is a peninsula belonging to the republic of Mexico. At Magdalena bay a considerable period will be spent in gun practice. The Mexican government has granted the United States the privilege of using this fine bay, an ocean inlet forty miles long and protected with reefs of sands, so that the water is always placid, as a coaling and practice station for a period of three years.

From Magdalena bay to San Francisco bay, where the ships will drop anchor at the end of their voyage, the distance is about 1,000 knots. It is believed that, barring accidents and other untoward circumstances, the ships will ride triumphantly through the Golden Gate and anchor in the bay on April 10.

While the disposition of the fleet after arrival in San Francisco bay is not definitely indicated, it is safe to assume that the big battleships will do more or less cruising up and down the Pacific coast. It is quite probable that considerable time will be spent in the Puget sound harbors, such as those at Seattle and Tacoma. It may be that a cruise to Honolulu will be included.



THE BATTLESHIP CONNECTICUT, FLAGSHIP OF REAR ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS.



ROUTE OF THE FLEET AND DISTANCES.

"Fighting Bob" and His Men

Three Rear Admirals, Sixteen Captains and Fifteen Thousand Men Who Man the Ships For the Pacific—Robley D. Evans, the Picturesque Veteran Who Commands the Fleet

IN round numbers 15,000 men, let us say one man for every mile of the distance to be made, go with Rear Admiral "Fighting Bob" Evans in his fleet of war vessels from the Atlantic to the Pacific. These are mostly naval officers and seamen, with a sprinkling of United States marines. They are in the aggregate the physical flower—the huge and hefty bouquet—of the American navy. And it is not handing them any bouquets undeserved to say that they constitute the finest and fittest fighting force that ever trod the decks of steel war monsters.

REAR ADMIRAL CHARLES M. THOMAS.

Robley D. Evans, the commander in chief of the fleet, is perhaps the best known man in the navy. From his flagship, the splendid battleship Connecticut, he will direct the movements of the sixteen great battleships and the other vessels. He has been forty-seven years in the navy, counting from the date of his entrance in the Naval academy. He began his career as an active fighter in the latter part of the civil war. In the assault upon Fort Fisher the young ensign received wounds which gave him a permanent limp and caused him to be retired from the navy for disability. But Evans made a stubborn fight for reinstatement, in which he was the winner. Thus was saved to the navy an officer who for a generation past has been its most picturesque character and one of its ablest men.

CAPTAIN RICHARD WAINWRIGHT.

Rear Admiral Evans is now near the age of retirement for naval officers. It is said that he is highly pleased with his assignment to command the fleet on the cruise to the Pacific, thus rounding out his long career with a service of unusual distinction, which will be an important incident in naval history. Admiral Evans has seen much sea service, his experience in handling large fleets making him available for commander of this expedition. In spite of his sixty-one years he is still a vigorous, active man. The policy of the president and the navy department in preferring younger men for the main commands has not eliminated "Fighting Bob," who is said to possess the spirit of a young man of forty.

In Admiral Evans' fleet are several subordinate commanders who have made distinguished records—men of interesting personality aside from their performances. Rear Admiral William H. Emory, commander of the division of the fleet which includes the great battleships Georgia, Virginia, New Jersey and Rhode Island, with the Georgia as his flagship, is distinguished in the navy for his bravery, his diplomacy and his dress. When he was a young officer he married a wealthy young woman. For years the Emorys lived in the finest house in Washington and were known as most lavish entertainers. William H. Emory, when not in uniform, was gorgeously garbed. It was said at one time that he changed his trousers every hour in the day. The late Admiral Worden remarked, "Emory is not so much of a dude as he looks." In fact, this officer always commanded the respect of his brother officers and the men under him.

A few years ago Emory severely censured a seaman, who remarked later that it was only the officer's uniform that protected him from a licking. Emory immediately doffed his uniform, dressed himself in one of his gorgeous citizen suits, got a shore leave for the enlisted man, met him up an alley and administered the licking himself, though the other man was the bigger. Then he helped the defeated man back to the ship and sent him to the hospital ward.

Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, who commands a division of the Pacific bound fleet, consisting of the battleship Minnesota, flagship, and the battleships Ohio, Maine and Missouri, entered the Naval academy only two months later than Robley D. Evans. Admiral Thomas has had very large experience as an educator and trainer of seamen. For years he was senior instructor in ordnance and was in charge of the infantry battalion of cadets at the Naval academy.

Captain Richard Wainwright, commanding the battleship Louisiana, is one of the notable heroes of the Spanish-American war. At the naval battle of Santiago he was in command of the torpedo boat destroyer Gloucester, a converted yacht. He dashed into the thickest of the fight and destroyed the Spanish torpedo boats Furor and Pluton. Later he captured without assistance the Porto Rican harbor of Guanica for use as a landing place for the army of General Miles. The secretary of the navy in presenting Wainwright a sword from the people of his native section said: "There is a roll of honor, Commander Wainwright, which is known as that of the bravest of the brave. On that imperishable roll your name has been written by your countrymen."

The commander of the battleship Virginia, Captain Seaton Schroeder, has distinguished himself not only as a naval officer in sea service, but in civil life as governor of the island of Guam for two and a half years. Governor Schroeder established a school system on the island and in other ways helped to Americanize Guam. He is also an author, having written a work entitled "Fall of Maximilian's Empire" and several notable magazine articles.

REAR ADMIRAL ROBLEY D. EVANS.

The Fleet In the Pacific

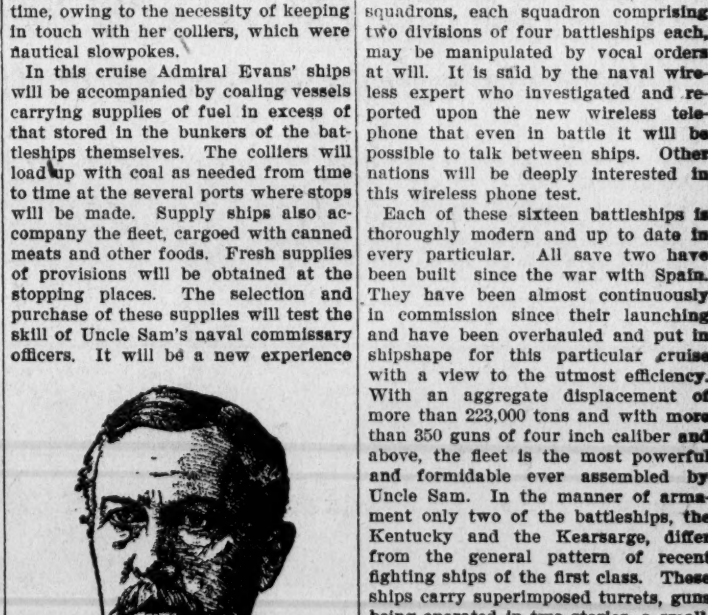
Rear Admiral Evans Can Call Up Each of His Sixteen Battleships by Wireless Telephone—A $600,000 Coal Bill For Uncle Sam—When the Oregon Rushed Around Cape Horn

THE winter cruise from the Atlantic to the Pacific of the great fleet of sixteen battleships and their attendant vessels will "eat up" approximately $600,000 worth of coal. This will be the biggest item of expense incident to the cruise. The 15,000 men on board the ships will eat no more than they do on other duty unless it should happen that the southern air should enhance their appetites. The food supply bill, therefore, will not be appreciably larger than it would be were the ships lying in port or exercising up and down the Atlantic coast. Another considerable item of expense will be that of pilotage. The fleet must pass through the strait of Magellan, a difficult feat, and will put into five strange harbors on the voyage. For safe and sane conduct through the strait and in and out of harbors experienced local pilots must be hired.

CAT MASCOT SALUTING.

As to the coal bill, this item will be much smaller under the conditions imposed upon the cruise than it would be if the fleet were taken around to San Francisco on rush orders. The ships will proceed at a leisurely gait for the most part. It is understood that a uniform speed of twelve miles an hour or less will be adhered to, though the battleships are capable of from eighteen to twenty-two miles on occasion. When the battleship Oregon came around the Horn on her famous trip to get into the Santiago fight of 1908 she made only about an average of nine knots an hour, actual sailing time, owing to the necessity of keeping in touch with her colliers, which were nautical slowpokes.

In this cruise Admiral Evans' ships will be accompanied by coaling vessels carrying supplies of fuel in excess of that stored in the bunkers of the battleships themselves. The colliers will load up with coal as needed from time to time at the several ports where stops will be made. Supply ships also accompany the fleet, cargoed with canned meats and other foods. Fresh supplies of provisions will be obtained at the stopping places. The selection and purchase of these supplies will test the skill of Uncle Sam's naval commissary officers. It will be a new experience for them to provide the mess for such a large force of hungry seamen, largely from markets with which they are unacquainted.



BIG GUNS OF THE KENTUCKY AND ONE OF HER NOVEL SUPERIMPOSED TURRETS.

CAPTAIN SEATON SCHROEDER.

Another new experience which the officers must undergo is that of keeping their official eyes upon the jolly Jack tars while the ships lie in South American harbors. Extended stops will be made at Trinidad, Rio de Janeiro, Punta Arenas, Callao and Magdalena bay. At none of these ports heretofore have Uncle Sam's seamen to the number of more than 800 ever gone ashore. With nearly twenty times that number of men to handle, all of them pretty lively specimens of humanity, it may be taken for granted that the press of the United States will enjoy from time to time some interesting stories of shore leave pranks. The commanders of the ships no doubt will find it necessary to employ their powers of discipline and diplomacy to the utmost in order to keep Jack from bubbling over with enthusiasm when he goes ashore in considerable groups to get his land legs.

While at sea Jack will have plenty of business to occupy his attention, though it is by no means all work and no play aboard ship. The men of each vessel have mascots with which to amuse themselves in off moments. Several goats, cats, parrots, monkeys and dogs will make the cruise around the Horn, sure of regular meals and abundant attention from their admirers, officers as well as enlisted men.

While the ships are at sea it ought to be a comparatively easy matter for Admiral Evans to handle his forces, for on this cruise, for the first time in the history of the world, the wireless telephone will be used for communication between the ships of a great naval fleet. Every battleship has been fitted with wireless telephone devices, a wonderful invention but recently perfected. From his station in the emergency cabin of the flagship Connecticut an officer serving as the fleet's "hello boy," so to speak, will be able to call up at will the officers of any other ship, even though ten miles of brine and wireless distance may intervene. By the wireless phone messages by word of mouth may be sent from ship to ship with the accuracy and ease of wired telephone messages from room to room in a modern hotel.

The value of such a system under the circumstances is self evident. Heretofore intership signaling has been done by means of flags or by "wigwagging." Frequently it happens that dense fogs obscure these signals, so that ships almost touching sides are unable to communicate with each other. With the wireless phone a fog won't matter. The fine fleet, in two squadrons, each squadron comprising two divisions of four battleships each, may be manipulated by vocal orders at will. It is said by the naval wireless expert who investigated and reported upon the new wireless telephone that even in battle it will be possible to talk between ships. Other nations will be deeply interested in this wireless phone test.

Each of these sixteen battleships is thoroughly modern and up to date in every particular. All save two have been built since the war with Spain. They have been almost continuously in commission since their launching and have been overhauled and put in shipshape for this particular cruise with a view to the utmost efficiency. With an aggregate displacement of more than 223,000 tons and with more than 350 guns of four inch caliber and above, the fleet is the most powerful and formidable ever assembled by Uncle Sam. In the manner of armament only two of the battleships, the Kentucky and the Kearsarge, differ from the general pattern of recent fighting ships of the first class. These ships carry superimposed turrets, guns being operated in two stories, a smaller turret resting upon the larger one. Each turret holds two guns.

Three rear admirals accompany the fleet to the Pacific. First in importance is the commander in chief, Robley D. Evans, senior rear admiral in the navy and the highest ranking officer in actual sea service, Admiral Dewey being his only superior. Rear Admirals William H. Emory and Charles M. Thomas command divisions of the fleet. The captains of the sixteen battleships as assigned for this cruise are:

Connecticut (flagship of Admiral Evans), Hugo Osterhaus; Louisiana, Richard Wainwright; Kansas, Charles E. Vreeland; Vermont, William P. Potter; Georgia (flagship of Admiral Emory), Henry McCrea; Virginia, Seaton Schroeder; New Jersey, W. H. H. Southerland; Rhode Island, Joseph B. Murdock; Minnesota (flagship of Admiral Thomas), John Hubbard; Ohio, Lewis C. Heilner; Maine, Giles B. Harber; Missouri, Greenlief A. Merriam; Alabama, Ten Eyck D. W. Veeder; Illinois, J. H. Bowyer; Kearsarge, H. Hutchins; Kentucky, W. C. Cowles.

Red Saunders

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(Continued From Last Sunday.)

CHAPTER VII.

AT 9 the next morning there was a crowd in front of the house.

"What have you been doing now, Will?" asked Miss Mattie, with prescience.

"Only buying a horse, Mattie," returned Red soberly. "Seems to be quite an event here."

"Is that all?"

"That's all, so help me Bob!" Red had a suspicion that there would be objections if she knew what kind of a horse it was.

Lettis, who had roomed with Red overnight, was in the secret.

The horse arrived, leading very quietly, as Mr. Upton had said. It was a buckskin, fat and hearty from long resting. Nothing could be more docile than the pensive lower lip and the meek curve of the neck. Nothing could be more contradictory than the light of its eye, a brooding, baleful fire, quietly biding its time.

"Scatter, friends!" cried Red as he put his foot in the stirrup. "Don't be too proud to take to timber!"

He swung over as lightly as a trapeze performer, deftly catching his other stirrup. The horse groaned and shivered.

"Don't let him get his head down! Gol ding it! Don't you!" screamed Mr. Upton in wild excitement.

Red threw the bridle over the horn of the saddle. "Go it, you devil!" cried he. And they went. Six feet straight in the air, first pass. The crowd scattered, as requested. They hurried at that. Red gave the brute the benefit of his 250 as they touched earth, and his opponent grunted when he felt the jar of it. They rocketed and ricochetted; they were here, they were there, they were everywhere, the buckskin squealing like a pig and fighting with every ounce of the strength that lay in his steel strung legs. The dust rose in clouds; Red's hat flew in no time; he was yelling like a maniac, and the crowd was yelling like more maniacs. Now and then a glimpse of the rider's face could be caught, transported with joy of the struggle; then the dust would roll up and hide everything. No one was more pleased at the spectacle than the blacksmith. He was capering in the middle of the road, waving a hand hammer and shouting: "Hold him down! Hold him down! Why do you let him jump up like that? If I was on that horse I'd show you! Aw, there it is again. Stop him! Stop him!"

At this point the buckskin made three enormous leaps for the blacksmith, as though he had understood. The smith cast dignity to the winds and went over the nearest fence in the style that little boys when coasting call "stomach whopper," or words to that effect, and took his next breath two minutes later. He might have saved the labor, as the horse wheeled on one foot and pulled fairly for the picket fence opposite. Red regretted the absence of herders as the sharp pickets loomed near. It was no time for regrets. The horse was over with but little damage—a slight scratch; enough to rouse his temper, however, for he whaled away with both hind feet, and parts of the fence landed a hundred feet off. Then a dash through an ancient grape arbor, and they were lost to view of the road. Some reckless small boys scampered after, but the majority preferred to trace the progress of the conflict by the aboriginal "Yerhoops" that came from somewhere in behind the old houses.

"There they go!" piped up a shrill voice of the small boy brigade. "Right through Mis' Davisses hen coops! You ought to see them hens fly!" The triumphant glee is beyond the reach of words. Simultaneous squawking verified the remark as well as a feminine voice urging a violent protest, cut short by a scream of terror, and the slam of a door. The inhabitants of "Mis' Davisses" house instantly appeared through the front door, seeking the street.

To show the erraticalness of fate, no sooner had they reached the road than Red's mount cleared the parapet of the bridge in a single leap, a beautiful leap, and came down upon them in the road.

All got out of the way but a three-year-old, forgotten in the excitement. Upon this small lad, fallen flat in the road, bore the powerful man and horse. Then there were frantic cries of warning. Fifty feet between the youngster and those mangling hoofs—twenty—five! The crowd gasped. They were blotted together! Not so. A mighty hand had snatched the boy away in that instant of time. He was safe and very indignant in a howling, huddled heap in the ditch by the roadside, but alas for horse and rider! The buckskin was not used to such feats, and when Red's weight was thrown to the side for the reach he missed his stride, struck his feet together, and down they went, while the foot deep dust sprang into the air like an explosion.

Miss Mattie rushed to the scene of the accident, followed by everybody. Young Lettis, equally frightened, was close beside her.

"Oh, Will, are you killed?" she cried.

And then a voice devoid of any signs of weakness, but loaded to the breaking point with wrath, told in such language as had never been heard in Fairfield that the owner was still much alive.

"Run away, Mattie! Run away and let me cuss!" shrieked Red. Miss Mattie collapsed into the arms of Lettis.

The dust settled enough so that the anxious villagers could see horse and man; the former resting easily as if he had had enough athletics for one day and the latter sitting in the road. Neither showed any intention of rising.

"What's the matter, Mr. Saunders, are you hurt?" inquired the fussy postmistress.

"Please go 'way, ma'am," said Red, waving his arm.

"I'm sure you're hurt—I'm perfectly sure you're hurt," she persisted, holding her ground. "Now, do tell us what can possibly be the matter with you."

"Very well," returned the exasperated cowpuncher, "I will. My pants, ma'am, have suffered in this turn up, and they're now in a condition to make my appearance in polite society difficult, if not impossible; now please go 'way, and somebody fetch me a horse blanket."

It is regrettable that the discomfiture of the postmistress was received with undisguised hilarity. The blanket was produced, and Red stalked off in Indian dignity, marred by a limp in his left leg, for he had come upon Mother Earth with a force which made itself felt through all that foot of soft dust.

"Bring that durn fool horse along," he called over his shoulder. Buckskin rose and followed his owner. There was no light in his eye now; he looked thoughtful. He, too, limped, and there was a trickle of blood down his nose. Verily it had been a hard fought field.

As both men were anxious to see the lay of the land as soon as possible Red took his place in the wagon that day, after the damages were repaired, content to wait until his leg was less sore for horseback riding.

There followed a busy two weeks for them. Mr. Demilt had some money he wished to put into the enterprise, but his most valuable assistance was, of course, his thorough knowledge of the resources of the country.

They found an admirable site for the mill in an old stone barn which had stood the ravages of desolation almost unimpaired. Red's mining experience told him that the creek could easily be flumed to the barn, and as that was the only objection of the others to this location they wrote the owner of the property for a price. They were astonished when they received the figures. It had come by inheritance to a man to whom it was a white elephant of the most exasperating sort, and he was glad to get rid of it for almost a song. They were a jubilant three at the news. It saved the cost of building a mill, and, including that, the price was as low per acre as any land they could have obtained. Red closed the bargain instantly.

Lettis' part of the business was chiefly to arrange for the disposal of their product, and when he explained to his partners what he could reasonably hope to do in that line the affair lost its last tint of unreality and became a good proposition, for Lettis had an excellent business acquaintance who would be glad to deal with the straightforward young fellow.

The night after the signing of the deeds Red said to Miss Mattie: "We ought to have a stockholders' dinner tomorrow night, Mattie. If you could hire that scow built girl who wears her hair scrambled to come in and give you a lift, would you feel equal to it?"

"You always put it that I'm doing you a great favor in such things, Will, but you know perfectly well there's nothing I'd rather do," replied Miss Mattie, with a dimpling smile. "However, it adds to the pleasure of it to have it put in that way, so I won't complain. I'll just have my supper first and then you men can talk over your business undisturbed."

"You will not—you'll eat with the rest of us!"

"Yes, but you stockholders"— The word had an import to Miss Mattie, a something, if not regal, at least a kinship to the king. Under her democracy lay a respect for the founded institution, impersonal, an integral part of the law of the state—in fact, a minor sovereignty within an empire.

"Stockholder yourself!" retorted Red. "Don't you call me names."

"What do you mean, Will?" asked Miss Mattie, with wide opened eyes.

"I mean you're a stockholder as good as anybody. You've got half my stock. Now, hold on! Just listen. This is a queer run, Mattie, from the regulation point of view, this company of ours. I know enough about fillin' and backin' to know that. You ought to have seen the pryin' and pokin' and nosin' around them Boston men did before they took holt of the Chanta Seechee and made it a stock company! One feller was the ablest durn fool I ever come acrosst. I used to let on I didn't savvy anything about it. 'Now, explain to me,' says I to him. 'You say you have so many shares of them stock,' waving my hand to a bunch of critters in the distance. 'What part do you take? I mean, what's your share of each animal? and does the last man get the hoofs and the tail?' 'Oh, you don't understand,' says he. 'I'll explain it to you.' So he starts in to tell me that 'stock didn't necessarily mean beef critters' and a lot more things, whilst old man Fergusou who was putting the deal through, stood listening and chewing his teeth, thinking I was going to give our friend the frolicsome hee-hee at the windup. But I stood solemn and never even drew a smile, for fear of queering Ferguson. Well, that's the proper way to start a company—make it as dreary and long winded as possible. We ain't done that, and perhaps we'll go broke for breaking the rules, and then your stock won't be worth a cuss. So don't you get excited about it. I wanted the Saunders family to be represented. Pretty soon the old lad with the nose will be around, and you'll have a chance to read about the 'parties of the first part' and 'second parts of the party' and 'aforesaids' and 'behindsaids' and the rest of the yappi them lawyers swing so that honest men won't know what the devil they're up to."

"Oh, Will! How can I ever thank you?" cried Miss Mattie, her eyes filling. It seemed a great and responsible position to the gentle lady to be a stockholder in the corporation. It wasn't the monetary value of the thing; it was the pride of place.

"If you don't know how, don't try," returned Red. "You give the other three stockholders a good feed tomorrow and the thanks will be up to you. Hello! There's the old lad now!" as a trumpet blast rang out from the front porch. "It must take some practice to blow your nose like that. I've heard jackasses that could not bray in the same class with that little old gent—come in. Come in! You needn't sound the rally again."

Thus adjured the lawyer made his entrance, and Miss Mattie became in due and involved course of law a stockholder in the Fairfield Strawboard Manufacturing company.

Fairfield rose to activity like a very small giant refreshed. Teams and their heavy loads kept the respectable dust in constant commotion. A grist mill was added to the intended plant, thus offering an inducement to the farmer to raise grain, and incidentally straw, "So we can ketch 'em on both ends, too," as Red put it.

The time seemed like enchantment to Miss Mattie. As a bringer of the tidings and a stockholder in the company she had risen to be a person of importance, with the result that she was even more modestly shy than before, although in her heart she liked it; but more delightful yet was the spirit of holiday activity which inspired and pervaded the place.

Red had insisted on operating on the lines that are laid down with railroad spikes in the western communities—to patronize home industries as much as possible. Therefore the machinery orders went through Mr. Farrel, the blacksmith, initiating that worthy man into the mysteries of making money without doing anything for it, which seemed little less than a miracle to him. Everything that could be bought through local people was obtained in that way. It cost a trifle more, but it brought more money into the place and enabled the villagers to partake of the enlivenment without the feeling that it was a Barmecide feast. The postmistress furnished the paint, and it is painful to add that she tried to furnish a No. 3 paint for a No. 1 price, arguing that she was a poor, lone woman struggling through an uncharitable world and that the increased profit would do her considerable good, a view which Red did not share. He would willingly have made her a present of the difference, but he did not in the least intend to be choused out of it by man or woman. They had a very funny debate in private, wherein the feminine tried to dominate the masculine principle by sheer volubility and found to its disgust that the method didn't work. Red listened most respectfully and always replied: "Yes, ma'am; but we don't want that paint. Get us some good paint—bully old paint with stick'um in it. This stuff is like whitewash, only feebler. We're going to put on a swell front up at the mill, and we've got to have the right thing." And at last the postmistress said that she would, her respect for the ex-cow puncher having risen noticeably in the meantime.

(Continued Next Sunday.)

How came the President to overlook denatured spelling in his message.

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COMMERCIAL

WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 14.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market, steady 43 3-4 cents.

ROSIN—Market, steady $2.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, steady $1.40.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 66 1-2; rosin firm steady $3.70; tar firm $2.35; crude turpentine, $3.35, $4.50; $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	28
Rosin	164
Tar	326
Crude Turpentine	88

Receipts same day last year 26 casks spirits turpentine; 8 barrels rosin; 151 barrels tar; 27 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 11 3-8 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Firm at 10 3-8 cents for middling.

Receipts—2,607 bales, same day last year 608 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 80c, extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65@66c; Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c. for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25@26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 14 to 15c; green 1 1-2c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@10c. per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.40@$1.50 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—The Cotton market opened steady at an advance of 14 points which was not considered as good as due on the cables. At first there was some hesitation owing to the indisposition to enter into fresh commitments at the week end and a desire of local professionals to get a clue to the immediate attitude of the leading interests but as there was no sign of important bull support, offerings increased and during the middle of the morning prices were abouts 6 to 7 points net lower. There was some selling by wire and commission houses accompanied by rumors of easier Southern spot markets.

The market closed steady with prices net 9 points lower to one point higher.

Receipts of cotton at the ports today were 57,272 against 59,959 last week and 64,234 last year. For the week, 360,000 against 369,093 last week and 353,701 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans, 17,028 against 17,265 last year and at Houston, 17,844 against 19,839 last year.

Spot closed steady; middling uplands 12.10; middling gulf 12.35; sales 722.

Futures opened and closed steady.

December	11.54	11.52
January	10.97	10.92
February	——	10.99
March	11.13	11.09
April	11.16	11.11
May	11.15	11.15
June	b11.15	11.12
July	11.11	11.10
August	10.90	10.85

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm, 12; Net receipts 18,783.

New Orleans—Steady, 11 7-8; Net receipts 17,028.

Mobile—Steady 11 1-2; Net receipts 3,573.

Savannah—Steady, 11 5-8; Net receipts 11,027

Charleston—Quiet, 11 1-4; Net receipts 1,158.

Wilmington—Steady, 11 3-8; Net receipts 2,607

Norfolk—Steady, 11 5-8; Net receipts 2,918.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 7-8.

New York—Steady, 12.10.

Boston—Steady, 12.10; Net receipts 33.

Philadelphia—Steady, 12.35.

Jacksonville—Net receipts 145.

Total today, at all ports, Net 57,272; Great Britain 26,756; Continent 36,723; Stock 947, 095.

Consolidated, at all ports, Net 57,272; Great Britain 26,756; Continent 36,723.

Total since Sept 1, at all ports, Net 4,122,171; Great Britain 1,276,427; France 347,400; Continent 1,321,574; Japan 46,127; Mexico 1,020.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Steady, 12.00; Net receipts 17,844.

Augusta—Steady, 11 9-16; Net receipts 1,603.

Memphis—Steady, 11 3-4; Net receipts 3,681.

St. Louis—Steady, 11 3-4; Net receipts 473.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 595.

Louisville—Firm, 11 5-8.

Little Rock—Steady, 11 1-4; Net receipts 2,092.

Total today—Net receipts 26,288; Gross receipts 28,769; Shipments 24,995; Sales 5,114; Stock 283,823.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 14.—Cotton: Spot in fair demand, prices 7 points lower. American middling, 6.91; good middling, 6.55; middling, 6.31; low middling, 5.99; good ordinary, 5.57; ordinory, 4.97.

The sales of the day were 10,000 of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 6,000 American. Receipts 25,000, included 20,300 American.

Futures opened steady and closed very steady. American middling G. O. C.: December, 5.90; December and January, 5.90; January and February, 5.92; February and March, 5.93; March and April 5.94; April and May, 5.94 1-2; May and June, 5.95; June and July, 5.94 1-2; July and August, 5.91 1-2; August and September 5.81 1-2; September and October, 5.68 1-2.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—The dry goods market for the day was very quiet. Burlaps are weaker and lower. Print cloths are lower. Fancy cottons are firm and well sold for the spring. Some lines of linens are higher.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—A brief demonstration was made against the market at the opening today, but the brief session was given to recuperating the moderate losses. In only a few stocks was the decline ample enough to call for notice, and the narrowness of the day's movement effectually frustrated successful trading operations. Recent weak features such as American Sugar, New York Central and the Hill and Harriman stocks were foremost in the early decline, but they in common with most other stocks subsequently recovered fully. Most of the limited business originated on the floor and when the market settled in a rut the traders found it difficult even to scalp small fractions. Trade statistics were read with keen interest and satisfaction was felt over the seasonable weather conditions. Today's bank statement bore out the optimistic views entertained yesterday regarding the expected showing and the more general uplift in prices at the close today was due also to this belief.

The bond market during the week showed evidences at times of a good inquiry for active speculative issues as well as securities of a more stable character. The market in general, conformed rather closely to the developments in the stock market.

United States 2s advanced 3-4 and 3s 1-4 on call during the week. Sales 172,000 shares stock.

Financial Market.

New York, Dec. 14.—Money on call nominal. Time money 12 and 90 days 10 to 12; six months 7 to 8. Prime mercantile paper 7 to 8; sterling exchange firm with actual business in bankers bills 4.8560 to 4.8570 for demand and at 4.7980 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.7925 to 4.7950. Bar silver 53 7-8. Mexican dollars 43. Government bonds steady.

Clearing House Statement.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—The statement of Clearing House banks for the week, shows the banks hold $40,101,175 less than the requirements of the 25 per cent. reserve rule. This is an increase of 6,109,175 in the proportionate cash reserve as compared with last week. The statement follows:

Loans, $1,175,027,900; decrease $11,367,700.

Deposits $1066,865,900; decrease $7,985,500.

Circulation $68,997,900; increase $3,339,800.

Legal tenders $49,450,000; increase $836,200.

Specie $177,165,300; increase $3,276,600.

Reserve $226,615,300; increase $4,112,800.

Reserve required $226,716,475; decrease $1,996,371.

Deficit $40,101,175; decrease $6,19,175.

Ex.U. S. Deposits $20,924,950; decrease $6,487,850.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	104 1-2
U. S. refunding 2s cou	105
U. S. 3s reg	101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou	101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg	119
U. S. new 4s cou	119
American Tobacco Co 4s	60
American Tobacco Co. 6s	93
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	84 3-8
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	95 3-4
L. & N. Unified 4s	94 5-8
Seaboard Air Line 4s	67
Southern Railway 5s	96
U. S. Steel 5s	83 3-4

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	45 3-8
American Car Foundry	29 1-2
Amr. Car Foundry pfd	86
American Cotton Oil Co	27 1-2
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd	70
American Locomotive	35
American Smelting & Ref	69 1-2
Amr. Smelting & Ref pfd	89 1-2
American Sugar Refined	68 1-2
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert	27 1-2
Atchison	69 7-8
Atchison pfd	85 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line	65 1-8
Baltimore & Ohio	80
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	76
Chesapeake & Ohio	28 3-4
Kansas City Southern	28
Kansas City Southern pfd	52
L. & N.	89 5-8
New York Central	92 3-4
Norfolk & Western	63 3-4
Norfolk & Western pfd	70
Pennsylvania	111 1-4
People's Gas	77
Reading	90 1-4
Reading 1st pfd	74 7-8
Reading 2nd pfd	71
Rock Island Co	14
Rock Island Co. pfd	28 3-4
Southern Pacific	71
Southern Pacific pfd	107 1-4
Southern Railway	12 7-8
Southern Railway pfd	38 1-4
Tenn., Coal & Iron	95
U. S. Steel	25 3-8
U. S. Steel pfd	86 3-8
Va.-Car. Chemical	16 1-2
Va-Car. Chemical pfd	85
Seaboard Air Line	——
Seaboard Air Line pfd	——
Standard Oil	451
Western Union	54 1-2

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—FLOUR—Dull and about steady. Minnesota patents 5.20 to 5.60; Winter patents 4.80 to 5.20.

RYE FLOUR—Steady.

CORN MEAL—Steady.

BUCKWHEAT—Quiet.

WHEAT—Spot firm; No. 2 red 1.02 1-8 elevator. December closed 1.02 3-8; May 1.07 718; July closed 1.08.

CORN—Spot firm; No. 2, 69 elevator options closed 1-2 to 1c net higher. December 69; May 66 3-8.

OATS—Spot steady; mixed 26 to 32 pounds 54 1-2.

LARD—Steady; western prime 8.35 to 8.45; refined steady.

PORK—Steady; family 18.00 to 18.50; short clear 15.75 to 16.75; mess 14.75 to 15.50.

TALLOW—Steady; city 5 1-2; country 5 1-4 to 5 1-2.

PETROLEUM—Firm.

RICE—Steady; domestic fair to extra 2 3-4 to 6 1-2; Japan nominal.

MOLASSES—Steady; New Orleans open kettle good to choice 34 to 42.

SUGAR—Raw firm; fair refining 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molasses sugar 3.00 to 3.05; refined steady; No. 6, 4.40; confectioners A, 4.60; cut loaf, 5.60; powdered, 4.90; granulated 4.80; cubes 5.05.

Coffee—Spot quiet; No. 7 Rio 6 7-8; Santos No. 4, 8 1-2; mild coffee quiet. Futures unchanged to 5 points lower.

BUTTER—Dull, unchanged.

CHEESE—Quiet; weekly exports 200 boxes.

EGGS—Firm, unchanged.

FREIGHTS—Unchanged.

PEANUTS—Unchanged.

POTATOES—Unchanged.

CABBAGES—Firm; Danish seed per ton 12.00 to 15.00; domestic 9.00 to 12.00.

COTTON SEED OIL was firm on light offerings and speculative demand. Prime crude, 30 to 30 1-2; prime summer yellow, 38 1-4; off summer yellow, 37 to 38; good off summer yellow, 37 3-4 to 38 1-2; prime white, 44; prime winter yellow, 45.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 14.—The prospect of light world's shipments in the near future caused a firm close to the local wheat market here today. At the close wheat for May delivery was up 1-4 to 3-8 and 3-8 to 1-2c higher. Corn was 5-8 to 3-4c higher. Oats were up 1-8 to 1-4c. Provisions were 10 to 17 1-2 higher.

Flour—Steady.

No. 2 spring wheat—1.06 to 1.09; No. 3, 97 to 1.08; No. 2 red 93 1-4 to 95 3-8.

No. 2 corn—59 1-2 to 60; No. 2 yellow 66 1-2.

No. 2 oats—50; No. 3 white 49 to 53

Short Ribs, Sides (loose)—6.75 to 7.25.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—12.47 1-2 to 12.50.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—8.05.

Short Clear Sides (boxed)—7.12 to 7.25.

Whiskey, basis of high wines—1.35.

Leading futures closed as follows:

Wheat—December, 93 1-2; May, 1.00-1-2 to 5-8; July, 96 1-8.

Corn—December, 55 3-4 to 7-8; May, 57 1-4 to 3-8; July, 56 3-8 to 1-2.

Oats—May, old, 53 3-4 to 7-8; May, new, 51 7-8; July, old, 48; July, new, 45 1-4.

Mess pork, per barrel—January, 12.75; May, 13.15.

Lard, per 100 pounds—January, 7.85; May, 7.75.

Short ribs, per 100 pounds—January, 6.80; May, 7.07 1-2.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Rosin quiet; strained common to good 3.20 to 3.25; turpentine, quiet at 48.

Charleston, Dec. 14.—Turpentine and rosin, nothing doing.

Savannah, Dec. 14.—Spirits turpentine firm at 44 1-4; sales 481; receipts 484; shipments 300.

Rosin firm; sales ——; Receipts 3,052; shipments 3,942; stock 118,580. Quote: A B C, 2.75 to 3.00; D, 2.95 to 3.00; E, 3.00 to 3.05; F, 3.00 to 3.05; G, 3.00 to 3.07 1-2; H, 3.05; I, 3.80; K, 4.75; M, 5.25; N. 6.10; W G, 6.20; W W, 6.50.

MARINE

ARRIVED.

Br. steamer Lord Derby, 2,401 tons, Henrickson, St. Lucia via Norfolk, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schr. Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, New York, C. D. Maffitt.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, S. P. McNair.

Schr. John M. Brown, 170 tons, Stevens, New York, C. D. Maffitt.

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Str. Duplin, Singletary, Smith's Bridge, J. A. Munn.

Str. City of Fayetteville, Smith, Fayetteville, S. P. McNair.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 14, 1907.

C. C. Railroad—414 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—574 bales cotton, 1 barrel tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,088 bales cotton, 18 casks spirits turpentine, 81 barrels rosin, 48 barrels tar, 78 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—343 bales cotton, 1 cask spirits turpentine, 42 barrels tar.

Str. Alice—5 bales cotton, 6 barrels tar, 2 barrels crude turpentine.

Str. City of Fayetteville—171 bales cotton, 18 barrels tar, 8 barrels crude turpentine.

Schr. Allen—6 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 43 barrels rosin, 71 barrels tar.

Schr Addie May—5 casks spirits turpentine, 40 barrels rosin, 124 barrels tar.

Schr. Missouri—6 bales cotton, 16 barrels tar.

Total—2,607 bales cotton, 28 casks spirits turpentine 164 barrels rosin, 326 barrels tar, 88 barrels crude turpentine.

New doll go-carts and carriages at Gaylord's. 25 and 50c. **

MARINE DIRECTORY.

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Sierra Blanca (Br.) 2,338 tons, Gruchy Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Rubens (Br.) 2,322 tons, French, Aelxander Sprunt & Son. &

Venetia (Br.), 2,333 tons, McMorran, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schooners.

John W. Hall, 329 tons, Bennett, C. D. Maffitt.

E. Marie Brown, 378 tons, Brown, C. D. Maffitt.

Admiral (Br.), 83 tons, Pearce, Springer Coal Co.

Massachusetts, 437 tons, Lane, C. D. Maffitt.

John M. Brown, 270 tons, Stevens, C. D. Maffitt.

Report of the conditions of

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK

Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts		$609,417 64
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages	10,000 00	
Furniture and Fixtures	2,246 05	
Cash on Hand and in Banks	110,136 21	
Total		$731,799 90

Liabilities:

Capital Stock		$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	50,792 99	
Dividends Unpaid	7.50	
Deposits subject to check	$511,257 46	
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95	650,999 41
Total		$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1907.

C. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

Correst Attest,

M. W. DIVINE,
J. A. SPRINGER,
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STATEMENT

of THE WILMINGTON SAVINGS AND TRUST COMPANY December 3rd, 1907.

(Condensed from Report to North Carolina Corporation Commission).

ASSETS.

Loans and Discounts		$1,179,520 30
First Mortgage Bonds		2,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures		1 00
Real Estate		55,000 00
Cash in our vault	$103,218 53	
Cash in other banks	144,102 52	247,321 05
		$1,483,842 35

LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 25,000 00
Undivided Profits, less taxes and expenses	142,743 95
Deposits	1,316,098 40
	$1,483,842 35

State of North Carolina,
County of New Hanover.

I, C. E. Taylor, Jr., Cashier of the above named Bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. E. TAYLOR, JR., Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 7th day of December, A. D., 1907.

CHAS. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

Correct-Attest:

J. V. GRAINGER,
J. W. YATES,
N. B. RANKIN,
Directors.

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NEW YORK HAS A FIERCE GALE

The Atlantic Coast From Hatteras to The Maine Coast Is Lashed by Its Fury.

MANY SHIPS UNREPORTED

Eleven Trans-Atlantic Steamships Due Yesterday Have Not Come Into Port and the Safety of Others Is Feared.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 14.—Lashed by the fierce claws of a heavy northeaster, New York is tonight in the wintry clutches of a storm of wind, hail and rain, which has completely swept the whole Atlantic Coast from Hatteras to Maine, hampered with the outside world and threatened all ships, under sail or steam, that sought to make port in the teeth of the sixty-mile gale.

Down off Sandy Hook, the once stout bark, Edward Phinney, went to pieces on the sandy shores after her skipper and crew of ten had been rescued in the breeches buoy. Eleven transatlantic steamships, due in this port today were still unreported at Sandy Hook at 10 o'clock tonight, though no apprehension is felt for their safety. Six coastwise steamers that set sail today for Southern ports turned back from the pitching and pounding seas that met them at the harbor gateway and anchored in the shelter of Sandy Hook bay.

The powerful blasts snapped off twenty feet of the three hundred foot brick chimney of the New York steam heating company on Sutton Place in this city, and sent it toppling over into a wooden shack in which a watchman was standing. The man was instantly killed. Several tons of brick and mortar fell upon the house of Henry Speitel and crushed through the entire structure, seriously injuring Mrs. Lena Speitel and her two daughters.

The storm center, which started in Mississippi swerved eastward and swept up the Atlantic coast today. From the northeast came a fierce gale driving heavy clouds of rain and cutting sleet before it. The rain turned to snow and then to rain again but the wind boomed steadily along at sixty miles.

The rain hung to telephone and telegraph lines and froze and the freighted wires snapped and cracked, while the gusts toppled over scores of poles.

Eastward from New York communication by wire was almost impossible. A single wire to Boston was all that remained of the trunk lines through New England. North, South and West there was much wire interruption from sleet and wind, but New England seems to have been the worst sufferer.

Railroad traffic suffered much delay and surface and elevated lines in New York had difficulty in maintaining any sort of adequate service.

The big Cunarder Lusitania and the steamship Philadelphia and Graf Waldersee got away for Europe today.

The White Star liner Arabic got in from England with reports of heavy storms all the way across. The steamers Cosmo, Zulia, Proteas, Denver, Trent, El Dia and San Juan left for Southern ports but swung off their courses when they met the gale near Romer Shoal and put back into Sandy Hook bay, where they anchored for the night.

GRIDIRON CLUB ELECT OFFICERS

Newspaper Men hold Down All of the Executive Chairs.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 14.—The Gridiron Club at its annual meeting today elected the following officers for the coming year:

President—James S. Henry, of the Philadelphia Press.

Vice President—Crosby S. Noyes, the Washington Star.

Secretary—John S. Shriver, Baltimore American.

Treasurer—Louis Garthea, Baltimore American.

Executive Committee—F. A. Richardson, Arthur W. Dunn and R. V. Oulahan.

A letter held for postage came near sending John Soley of Cleveland, O., to the gallows yesterday for the murder of his sweetheart. Soley was condemned to die. Receiving no word from the Governor Friday night the Warden prepared to execute Soley but on second thought telephoned the Governor and found that the papers had been mailed. Soon afterwards the Warden was notified that a letter was being held for postage at the postoffice. It proved to contain the papers commuting the death sentence of Soley to life imprisonment.

HAIR TELLS CHARACTER.

Color of Hair Said to Indicate a Person's Temperament.

Many people believe that blonde, or light hair denotes affection and dark hair constancy. A person without hair is not devoid of character; far from it. The disposition of the average bald-headed man is to show such solicitude for the welfare of others, that he neglects himself. A germ causes baldness. Prof. Sabouraud, of Paris, France, innocculated a rabbit with Dandruff germs, causing it to become totally bald in five weeks' time. To rid the scalp of these dangerous germs it is necessary to apply Newbro's Herpicide.

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Two sizes—50 cents and $1.00.

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VIRGINIA STORM CENTER

In Lynchburg Electric Lights are Out. Telephone and Telegraph Wires Are Down and Street Cars Stop Running.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Lynchburg, Va., Dec. 14.—Lynchburg experienced the worst sleet storm in its history last night late, a heavy precipitation freezing on trees and wires was followed by a gale, which prostrated the telephone service, stopped the local street railway and electric business and both telegraph companies were out of commission. For four hours one long distance circuit was the only wire workin out of the city. The damage to trees throughout the city cannot be estimated as thousands of them are prostrated and many ruined.

The street car service was demoralized and several of the divisions were not opened for traffic until late this afternoon. On account of numerous tangles of electric light and telephone wires, caused by broken circuits the city is in darkness tonight, most of the residences being dark. Neither was there current for commercial power during the day.

The Southern Bell Telephone Company reported nearly 1,200 phones out of order tonight and twenty-five linemen are being hurried here from Richmond and Atlanta.

Two weeks will be required at least to restore the system in a temporary way.

County roads are blocked with wires and fallen trees and several rural mail routes were abandoned this afternoon. All the railroad trains were delayed by lack of facilities. Storm seems to have been central here and meager reports from the country districts indicate that the damage has been heavy.

BISHOP COLEMAN IS DEAD.

The Noted Divine and Free Mason Expires Very Suddenly.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Wilmington, Del., Dec. 14.—Right Rev. Leighton Coleman, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal diocese of Delaware, died today at the Episcopal residence, Bishopstead, in this city.

His death was sudden and was not known until his son, Rev. Alex I. Dupont Coleman of New York City, who came on to stay with him after his recent attack of illness, entered his room and found him dead in bed.

Bishop Coleman had been ill only about a week being first taken with a bad cold, which subsequently developed into kidney trouble, and it is presumed that death was directly due to heart failure.

Leighton Coleman was born in Philadelphia, May 3, 1837, and was the son of Rev. John Coleman, a prominent Priest of the Episcopal Church and writer on Church matters.

Bishop Coleman was educated at St. James school and the Episcopal Academy, Philadelphia, and entered the Theological Seminary of New York, graduating after a three years' course in 1861.

After serving as rector of several churches in the East he was consecrated Bishop of Delaware in 1888. Bishop Coleman was widely known outside of his church work from his long continued habit, nearly every year taking journeys afoot, incognito in various parts of the country, his tours lasting from one to three weeks. He also took an active part in Masonry. The funeral of the Bishop will take place Tuesday afternoon.

PETITION IS DENIED.

Ruling of Department of Customs as to Press Cloth to Stand.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New Orleans, Dec. 14.—In the United States Circuit Court today Judge Boarman denied the petition for a revision of the ruling of the Department of Customs regarding the duty on press cloth manufactured from camels hair.

As this material is extensively used in the manufacture of cotton seed oil, the petitioners estimated that a revision of the existing tariff would mean the saving of thousands of dollars each year to manufacturing interests in the South. They contended that this product should not be assessible as a manufactured wool product, but should be admitted as a "hair press cloth" on which the duty is far less.

The government appraisers contended that the exception made for "hair press cloth" applied to anly horse hair products and in this contention they were sustained by the Court.

CAN CARRY LIQUOR.

Oklahoma Needn't Go Dry for a While Yet, Says the Judge.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 14.—In the United States court here today Judge Edward R. Meek refused to grant a temporary injunction to restrain the Wells Fargo Express Company from receiving consignments of intoxicating liquors for points in Oklahoma.

Judge Meek held that the complainants' right to the relief sought was involved in such grave doubt that it would be an improvident exercise of discretion to grant temporarily the injunction prayed for, pending the final hearing of the case on its merits.

TRIED TO PLAY LYNCHING

Negroes Didn't Know How and Nearly Killed Their Playmate.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Carrying out a mock lynching, Willis Gordon, a sixteen year old negro, was hoisted to a shafting at a local manufacturing concern by several companions.

Before he could be released his clothing caught in a belt and his arms were severed from his shoulders.

Several of the participants in the affair, all of whom were negroes, were arrested on charges of involuntary manslaughter.

WAITING FOR THE PRESIDENT

Grand Reception and Dance on Canopeid Quarter-Deck of Connecticut Postponed.

BECAUSE OF BAD WEATHER

At One Time Big Battleship Fleet Was Shut Off From Sight By Fog—A Day of Farewells—Admiral Evans.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Fort Monroe, Va., Dec. 14.—A day of changing storm, fog and sunshine found the Pacific bound Atlantic fleet within thirty-six hours of sailing time, snugly at anchor in the roadstead awaiting the coming of the President on Monday morning to say his official adieu as commander-in-chief of the American Army and Navy.

The treacherous weather interfered to a great extent with the social programme outlined for the day and necessitated an abandonment of the reception and dance which was to have been held on the canopied quarterdeck of the flagship Connecticut tonight.

This was to have been the most picturesque and unique entertainment of the Navy's farewell week and its cancellation was a source of much disappointment.

Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, Commander of the fleet, was ashore much of the day, having recovered from the slight indisposition he suffered during the early part of the week. He declared that the sixteen ships were ready to weigh anchor at any time. In an interview with the Associated Press he said:

"You ask me on the eve of the departure of the fleet to give you some words to lay before the people of the United States. I therefore ask you to convey to the people the sincere thanks and hearty appreciation of the officers and men of the fleet for the great interest which the country at large is taking in our movements. We feel the responsibility which the people have laid upon us by their interest of past years, of creating and maintaining this splendid fleet, and in continuation of that interest which now fits us out complete in every particular and sends us out on this great practice cruise to visit our friends and supporters on the Pacific coast of our country. I am sure that every officer and man in the fleet will feel it not only a duty but a pleasure to repay the people for their interest by absolute fidelity to the trust imposed upon him in small things as well as in large.

"I hope that when we arrive at our destination the people will have for us a welcome as warm as it is the God speed' which they give us on our departure and that should our Commander-in-Chief then decide to send us to the other hemisphere, that the same warm interest will follow there in the future as it has always in the past."

It has been repeatedly rumored that the fleet might eventually circle the globe.

A conference of the ordnance officers of the various ships was held on board the Connecticut today by Lieut. Commander Ridley McLean, the fleet ordnance officer, but it was postponed until tomorrow on account of the storm. With each ship carrying the greatest amount of explosives ever stored under the American flag, the ordnance officers hold a position of peculiar responsibility.

Being in cruising trim with everything above decks snug and tight the fleet did not feel the stiff southeaster which swept the coast last night and turned the usually placid anchorage into a choppy sea.

Toward noon the wind slackened and veered and the fleet suddenly was lost to view in a blinding fog. After an hour or two the fog lifted as suddenly as it fell and the fleet bursting into view made a magnificent marine specticle.

This afternoon the football team from the Kansas won the championship of the fleet by defeating the Vermont eleven. The score was four to two, Kansas getting the field goal and Vermont a safety in the first half. The game was played on a rain-soaked turf. Commissioned officers, veterans of Annapolis' teams, played with the enlisted men on both elevens. Other officers led the cheering from the blue jackets and marines of the opposing ships. Bands, goat mascots, fluttering flags, tin horns and cheering with subsequent parades by victors and vanquished made the afternoon gay. Admiral Evans was at the Hotel Chamberlain when the sailors returned from the game. They stopped and cheered him and then the Vermont sailors cheered the champions of the Kansas and were in turn cheered by the victors. They all boarded the ships tonight happy and ready for all the hard work the cruise is to bring them.

Sunday will be a day of farewell partings at Old Point. The families of many officers who go out in the fleet are here and the last visit ashore by the officers will be made Sunday night.

Monday morning the flag and line officers will go to the Mayflower to be received by the President and following this feature of the programme of departure the officers will return to their ships which at 10 o'clock will get under way.

The Mayflower leading, will lay too off the tail of the horse shoe, and it will be at this point at lower Chesapeake bay, that the President will review the fleet as the vessels pass in single file proceeding at the rate of ten knots an hour, led by Rear Admiral Evans' flagship, the Connecticut. The signal to get under way will be flown from the towering yards of the flagship of the Connecticut, shortly before 10 o'clock, and the ships will pass outside the Virginia capes, turn their prows to the South and lay a course through the Eastern end of the West Indies to Trinidad, the first scheduled stopping place.

It will be the object of Rear Admiral Evans and the officers and men cruising in the wake of his double starred flag, to bring out on their 14,000 mile journey all the information the Navy Department and the President desire in sending them—to show what some of the needs of the Navy are and to enable the authorities to provide for them.

There is some disappointment in the fleet that the President will not visit any of the vessels on Monday. He would find the Navy at its very best. When the Mayflower steams into the midst of the anchored fleet on Monday morning, just after 8 o'clock she will be saluted from every side and will find every ship dressed in its gayest array of bunting. As soon as the Presidential yacht drops anchor, Admiral Evans will go on board her, followed immediately by all flag and commanding officers, to pay their respects to the President. Special full dress uniform will be worn.

After the officers leave the Mayflower and return to their ships, the fleet will immediately get under way in single column, preceded by the Mayflower to the horse shoe.

The fleet is divided into two squadrons and each squadron into divisions.

The first and second divisions are in the first squadron and the third and fourth divisions in the second squadron.

Rear Admiral Evans who next to Admiral Dewey, is the senior officer of the Navy, is Commander-in-chief of the fleet and also is nominally in command of the first squadron and first division. The four ships of this division are the Connecticut (flagship), Kansas, Vermont and Louisiana. They are all of one design, displacing 16,000 tons a piece and representing the heaviest type of fighting craft known to the Western Hemisphere.

The second division of the first squadron, like all the other divisions of the fleet, consists of four vessels. The commander of the division, Rear Admiral William H. Emory, flies his flag from the Georgia. The New Jersey, the Rhode Island and the Virginia are his other ships and like the first division they are all of one class. Their displacement is something like 1,000 tons less but their engines rate superior by 3,000 horse power and their speed is one knot higher.

The second squadron is under command of Rear Admiral C. M. Thomas, whose authority in the fleet is second only to that of the Commander-in-chief. Admiral Thomas also has command of the third divisions made up of the Minnesota (flagship) the Ohio, Missouri and Maine. The latter three are sisterships but the Minnesota belongs to the more modern and heavier Connecticut class.

The fourth and last division has Rear Admiral Charles S. Sperry in command and is composed of the Alabama (flagship), the Illinois, the Kearsarge and the Kentucky.

The present arrangement for the departure of the President's party tomorrow for Hampton Roads to witness the beginning of the cruise of the battleship fleet contemplates a start on the Mayflower from Washington at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. The vessel is due to arrive in the Roads at 8 o'clock Monday morning.

Besides the President, the party will be composed of Mrs. Roosevelt, Miss Ethel Roosevelt, Secretary and Mrs. Metcalf, Assistant Secretary and Mrs. Newberry, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Brownson, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Cowles and Commander and Mrs. Sims.

The Norfolk and Western Westbound passenger train No. 41 narrowly escaped being wrecked early yesterday in a deep cut near Roanoke, Va. The engineer saw an obstruction on the track and succeeded in stopping his train only after the engine had struck a mass of dirt and stone that had rolled onto the tracks during the night. Leslie M. Shaw, former Secretary of the Treasury, was a passenger on the train. The tracks were blocked for about eight hours.

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110 Barrels Baldwin Apples.
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A. H. Benson	Grocer	924 So. 3rd
W. Munroe & Co.	Furniture	15-17 So. Front
R. A. Montgomery	Groceries & Meats	8th & Princess
Levi McMillan	Shoes, 2 stores	4th & Princess
C. W. Polvogt Co.	Dry Goods	123 N. Front
Rice & Claud	Furniture	607 N. Fourth
Chas. Richter	Grocer	928 N. Fourth
J. Shrien	Clothing	Front & Princess
E. A. Todd	Grocer	7th & Castle
C. W. Yates & Co.	Books & Stationary	117 Market
J. Laughlin & Co.	Grocer	601 So. Front

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